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This issue

No changes have been made to the layout of *Quarterly Regional Statistics* since the last issue.

The three text boxes have been updated for this issue. Table 1, **general economy**, Table 13, **demographics**, and Table 14, **projection**, are based on population projection P27 completed in the summer of 2002. In addition, Table 15, **selected demographic characteristics** is based on P27.

Table 5, **manufacturing principal statistics**, reflects revised data but 1997 is the end of the road for sub-provincial SIC80–based data. We are working with the 1998 NAICS-based sub-provincial data but cannot tie it back to the old series – even for total manufacturing. Again you should keep the table from this issue for future reference.

Regional boundaries

The geographic basis of this document is the 1996 Census geography.

More Regional Data

Our Internet site includes a general search tool and screens providing a subject matter search as well as a geographic search tool (**Regions**). The regions pages provide a more intuitive access to the many maps that we have on-line. With these changes users can more easily locate our small area data offerings.

We have updated our regional **Socio-Economic Profiles and Indices** available freely on our Internet site. These regional profiles represent a significant resource for researchers, policy makers, investors and students. They are complemented by another product - 1996 **Census Profiles**. These are also freely available on our web site. Each consists of a cover, 3 pages of comparative charts and tables, and a 2-page data supplement. There are 457 profiles to choose from, one for each census division (regional district), incorporated municipality, sub-regional district and Indian Reserve.

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Our Internet site for the **British Columbia Manufacturers' Directory** is now up and running. This free site opens up many opportunities to Internet users and the listed firms. You can search for a particular firm, filter the database to all firms meeting your criteria, send us an update of your current listing or a new listing, or place an order for the book or database.

There are several geographic fields which means you can easily generate a list of firms in a specific area. The Advanced Search allows you to combine search criteria giving powerful tools to more sophisticated users.

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Regional and Community Facts (Semi-Annual)

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A series of looseleaf binders, each devoted to one of 28 regional districts, featuring the broadest range of regional data. Some maps and charts. 200+ to 400+ pages per regional district with most data provided for all communities in each region. Annual data maintained so that purchaser gets latest available information.

Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles AND Indices (Annual)

A single looseleaf binder, organized by region and providing socio-economic information such as age, ethnic origin, migration, social assistance recipients, crime, education, child care, health, income and labour market activity. Maps, charts and tables. Complete data tables provided in the appendix. Regional Districts and Local Health Areas. Updated annually. Latest edition: April 2002. Free on our Web site.

Quarterly Regional Statistics (Quarterly)

A single release, organized by region, featuring current monthly and quarterly economic data to provide an up to date measurement of local activity compared to that of the province. Text, charts and tables. Approximately 240 pages. Released quarterly.

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Community Profiles		●	●	●	●	●	●	200 to 400	10,000	$\$65^{42}$	$\$1,682^{24}$
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This 25-year forecast projects the composition of the population in each local health area. Detailed statistical tables provide historical and forecast population by age and sex, including components of change. For topical articles and methodology ask about the *B.C. Population Forecast* publication. Available on paper or PDF file. Updated annually.

Manufacturers' Directory *(Annual)*

Lists B.C. manufacturers by company name (detailed listing), industry, product, and regional district by community. This publication details 5,000 manufacturers including employment size, commodities produced, export status and a contact name and address. Available in print, as a CSV file on diskette, or searchable free Web-enabled version at www.made-in-bc.ca.

Major Projects Inventory *(Quarterly)*

Information on major capital projects, listed by development region and status (proposed, under construction, on hold or completed). Includes brief regional profiles and maps. Updated quarterly.

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Regional District Population Projection		●	●		●			9	280	$5	$80/ paper $400/ disk
Local Health Area Population Projection		●	●				●	9	725	$5	$150/ paper $400/ disk
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Tourism Room Revenue	●	●	●	●	●			n/a	16 / month	n/a	$60 / year

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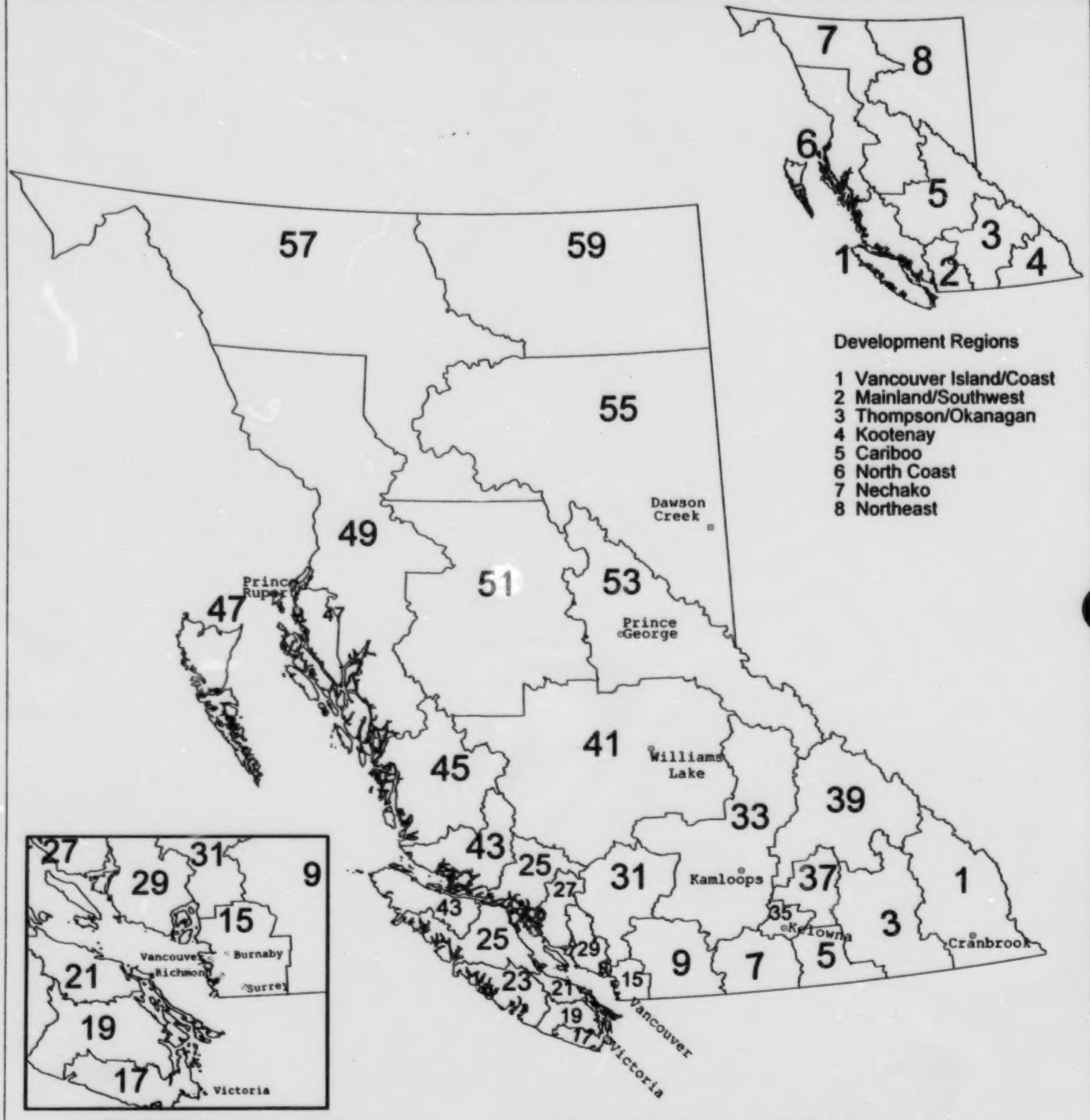
British Columbia Regional Districts
1996 Boundaries



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2 Mainland/Southwest
3 Thompson/Okanagan
4 Kootenay
5 Cariboo
6 North Coast
7 Nechako
8 Northeast

Regional Districts:

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3 Central Kootenay
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7 Okanagan-Similkameen
9 Fraser Valley
15 Greater Vancouver
17 Capital
19 Cowichan Valley
21 Nanaimo
23 Alberni-Clayoquot
25 Comox-Strathcona
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31 Squamish-Lillooet
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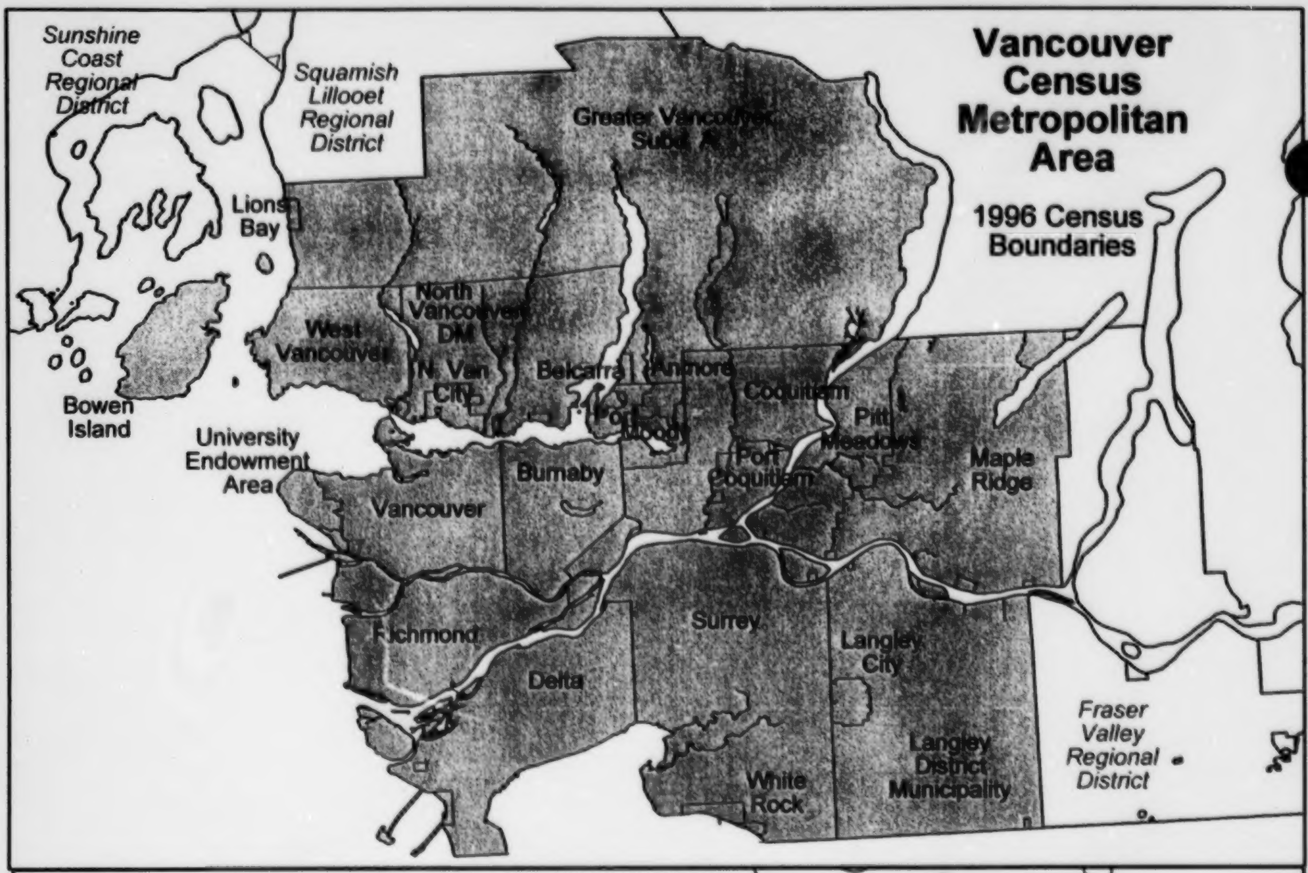
Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area

1996 Census Boundaries

Sunshine Coast Regional District
Squamish Lillooet Regional District
Greater Vancouver Subd. A
Lions Bay
Bowen Island
West Vancouver
North Vancouver DM
N. Van City
Belcarra
Anmore
Port Moody
Coquitlam
Pitt Meadows
Port Coquitlam
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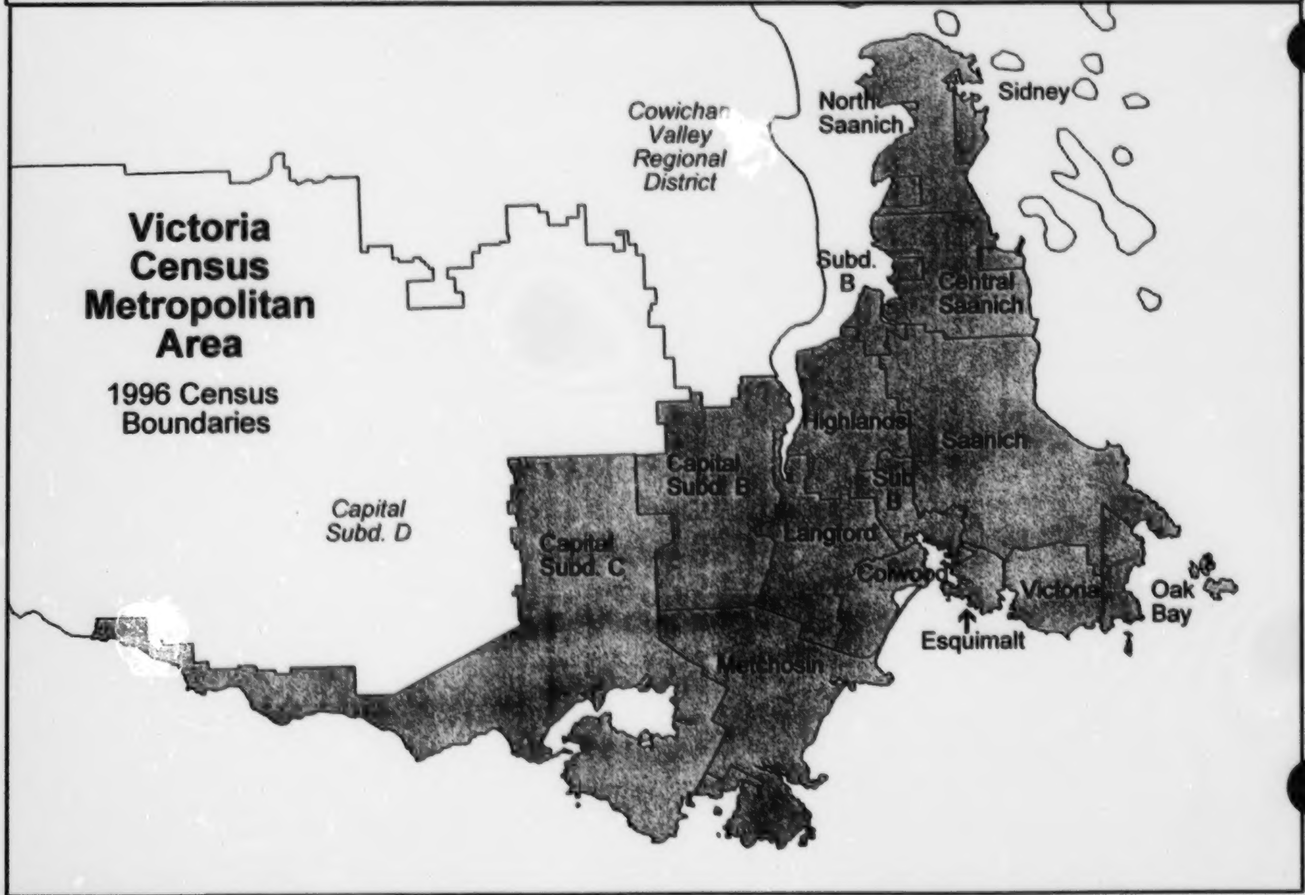
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Highlands
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Sub B
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Capital Subd. C
Langford
Colwood
Esquimalt
Victoria
Oak Bay
Metchosin

Note: Reserve boundaries not labelled

1 General Economy

Although the services sector is the largest component of British Columbia's economy (as measured by the Gross Domestic Product), the Province is still heavily dependent on natural resource industries. When inter-industry linkages are taken into account, the resource sector is still responsible for at least one quarter of the jobs in British Columbia. Forest-based industries form the most important segment of the Provincial economy. Virtually every community in the province relies to some degree on the industry. Of all manufacturing industries in B.C., wood industries rank first, followed closely by the paper and allied industries. These two industries combined account for almost one half of all manufacturing in British Columbia. Mining is another important resource industry for British Columbia. Coal mining is the most significant activity in the East Kootenay Region, and oil and gas exploration is the major economic driver of the Peace River and Northern Rockies Regions. In addition, there are a significant number of metal mines in the Province. Copper is by far the most important metal mined in British Columbia. Metal manufacturing is a significant activity for some communities, particularly Trail and Kitimat where there are large lead-zinc and aluminum smelters respectively. Other significant resource industries are agriculture and fishing. Agriculture in B.C. is very diverse, ranging from cattle ranching, to dairy, to poultry, to fruit orchards, to wine grapes. Most of the agricultural activity is located in the southern regions of the Province, primarily around the Okanagan and the Kootenays. Fishing is more predominant in Northern B.C., around Prince Rupert, and the north of Vancouver Island. The fish canning industry is concentrated mainly in Vancouver, Richmond and Prince Rupert. Tourism is also an important economic driver for B.C. It accounts for about 4.8 per cent of the Provincial Gross Domestic Product, which is slightly more than the direct contribution of the mining industry. The Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island-Coast Regions account for more than half of travel expenditures, and Vancouver and Victoria are among the top 20 travel destinations in the world.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	British Columbia							Canada	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	158,317	138,119	12,153	6,029	1,120	157,421	100.0%	100.0%	1,046,870
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	8,904	8,346	481	195	25	9,047	5.7%	6.0%	63,248
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	972	683	54	26	15	778	0.5%	0.8%	8,056
22	Utilities	126	121	15	12	6	154	0.1%	0.1%	1,211
23	Construction	25,477	15,358	1,039	440	42	16,879	10.7%	10.5%	109,753
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	5,449	6,725	1,081	801	190	8,797	5.6%	6.3%	65,713
41	Wholesale Trade	7,862	8,940	917	361	35	10,253	6.5%	6.3%	66,305
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	11,250	15,531	1,413	742	122	17,808	11.3%	12.5%	130,926
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	8,071	6,608	412	231	68	7,319	4.6%	4.4%	46,371
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2,355	2,039	251	159	35	2,484	1.6%	1.4%	14,258
52	Finance & Insurance	9,244	4,501	539	216	48	5,304	3.4%	3.4%	35,483
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	21,399	6,324	460	210	25	7,019	4.5%	3.8%	39,309
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	22,151	16,459	846	372	34	17,711	11.3%	10.7%	111,721
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	8,749	2,853	266	133	15	3,267	2.1%	1.7%	17,395
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	7,151	6,791	502	230	41	7,564	4.8%	4.4%	46,225
61	Educational Services	1,184	1,486	156	86	92	1,820	1.2%	1.1%	11,096
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,412	12,119	875	444	133	13,571	8.6%	7.7%	80,765
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,751	2,402	242	133	31	2,808	1.8%	1.7%	18,006
72	Accom. & Food Services	5,114	8,473	2,020	1,009	56	11,558	7.3%	7.2%	75,709
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	8,690	11,824	480	142	30	12,476	7.9%	9.3%	97,862
91	Public Administration	6	536	104	87	77	804	0.5%	0.7%	7,458

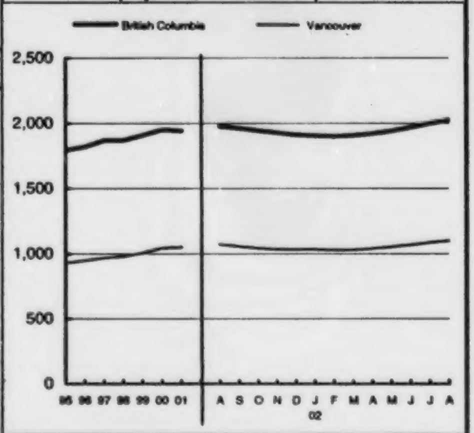
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

British Columbia

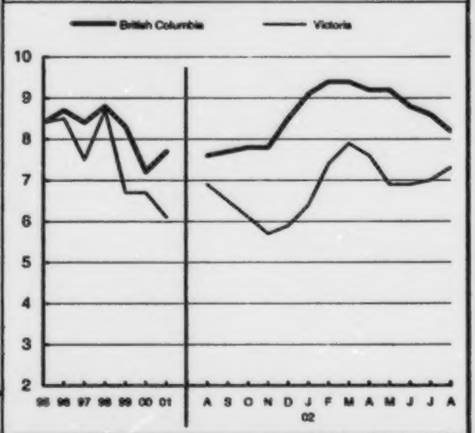
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %	Vancouver Emp. ('000)	Vancouver Unemp. %	Victoria Emp. ('000)	Victoria Unemp. %
	1992	1,620.3	10.2	859.8	9.0	133.6	7.9
	1993	1,675.9	9.7	869.5	9.3	138.8	8.3
	1994	1,754.0	9.0	908.9	8.6	144.3	7.1
	1995	1,792.3	8.4	929.6	7.9	143.1	8.4
	1996	1,821.2	8.7	948.6	8.0	143.5	8.5
	1997	1,869.0	8.4	971.3	8.3	149.8	7.5
	1998	1,870.2	8.8	979.6	8.1	146.6	8.7
	1999	1,906.4	8.3	1,005.4	7.8	154.2	6.7
	2000	1,949.1	7.2	1,044.5	5.9	153.6	6.7
	2001	1,942.4	7.7	1,051.1	6.6	148.9	6.1
2001	Jan	1,938.9	7.0	1,055.7	5.4	148.0	[illegible]
	Feb	1,928.9	7.4	1,046.4	5.9	147.0	[illegible]
	Mar	1,924.7	7.5	1,045.7	6.1	145.9	5.9
	Apr	1,936.5	7.3	1,050.7	5.9	148.1	5.3
	May	1,956.7	6.9	1,060.2	5.6	149.7	5.6
	Jun	1,969.1	6.9	1,068.1	5.7	150.1	5.9
	Jul	1,984.1	7.0	1,077.8	5.8	149.9	6.7
	Aug	1,976.3	7.6	1,072.9	6.4	149.6	6.9
	Sep	1,962.8	7.7	1,058.3	6.8	147.5	6.5
	Oct	1,943.5	7.8	1,042.9	7.1	146.8	6.1
	Nov	1,927.8	7.8	1,034.6	7.1	148.6	5.7
	Dec	1,912.9	8.5	1,032.1	7.8	151.9	5.9
2002	Jan	1,905.0	9.1	1,033.7	8.2	153.2	6.4
	Feb	1,901.0	9.4	1,029.5	8.5	151.7	7.4
	Mar	1,908.0	9.4	1,031.5	8.4	151.2	7.9
	Apr	1,920.8	9.2	1,038.7	8.2	151.1	7.6
	May	1,940.1	9.2	1,052.5	8.3	151.6	6.9
	Jun	1,970.2	8.8	1,069.8	8.0	150.8	6.9
	Jul	1,998.5	8.6	1,085.7	7.9	151.2	7.0
	Aug	2,023.0	8.2	1,100.7	7.3	151.8	7.3
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	1,953.2	7.4	1,059.7	6.1	148.4	6.2
	Jan-Aug02	1,961.6	8.9	1,064.5	8.0	151.5	7.3
	% Change	0.4		0.5		2.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



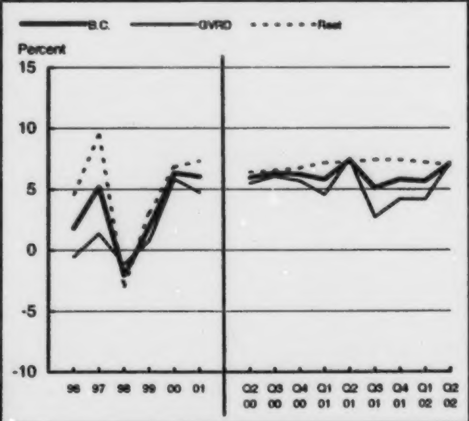
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: Statistics Canada. Based on monthly survey.

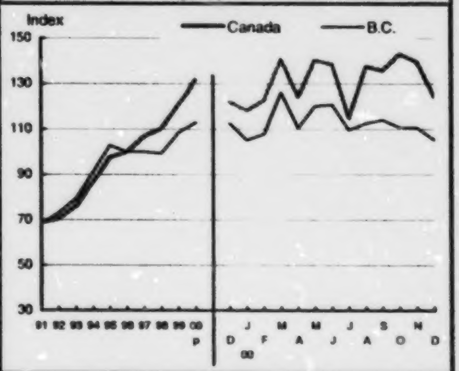
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	291	324	321		
25	Wood	601	714	686		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	264	302	297		
30	Metal Fabricating	547	650	634		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,881	4,378	4,228		
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	3,626.9	3,671.2	3,652.2	3,511.0	3,502.3
25	Wood	11,234.0	11,264.3	11,474.1	10,239.3	12,201.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8,920.0	9,038.8	9,164.0	8,018.9	9,554.5
30	Metal Fabricating	1,554.3	1,725.9	1,814.6	1,877.0	1,953.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35,040.3	34,096.0	34,582.6	33,890.2	36,994.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	17,467	16,475	16,171		
25	Wood	41,068	38,973	40,357		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	29,108	27,524	27,932		
30	Metal Fabricating	11,246	11,034	12,173		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	150,457	148,528	156,422		
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	588.1	546.5	531.5		
25	Wood	1,904.1	1,840.0	1,900.0		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,416.4	1,371.6	1,399.8		
30	Metal Fabricating	417.1	429.4	477.5		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,369.9	6,308.9	6,649.9		

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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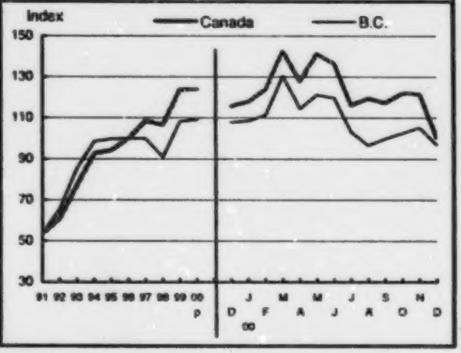
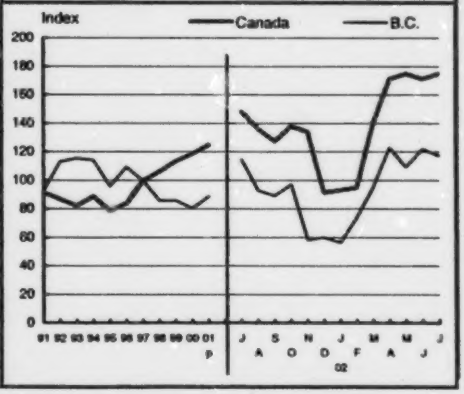


Source: Statistics Canada, published and unpublished editions of 31-203; and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	6,317.9	1,771.5	175.3	1,075.5	520.7	4,546.4	40,082
1995	5,304.5	1,949.0	247.3	1,016.8	684.9	3,355.5	26,842
1996	6,050.9	1,956.3	252.6	1,225.1	478.6	4,094.7	32,394
1997	5,531.8	1,954.2	282.4	1,357.0	314.9	3,577.6	28,654
1998	4,737.7	2,020.4	272.9	1,309.6	437.9	2,717.3	20,933
1999	4,751.7	2,110.7	324.3	1,137.4	649.0	2,641.0	18,978
2000	4,444.1	2,083.4	285.9	1,269.9	527.6	2,360.6	15,346
2001	4,909.1	2,116.5	221.0	1,160.6	734.9	2,792.5	17,382
YTD Jul '01	3,077.2	1,384.3	142.0	786.2	456.1	1,692.9	10,332
YTD Jul '02	3,211.9	1,024.2	145.7	634.0	244.4	2,187.7	13,958

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

British Columbia

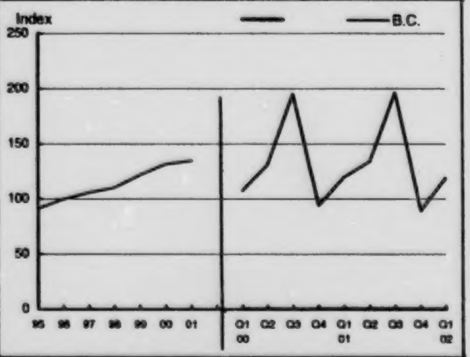
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			
Canada	1998	available				
	1999	for this				
	2000	table.				
	2001					
	2002					

British Columbia 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,472,287.7	100.0%	Motels	184,600.0	12.5%
Fishing lodges	16,841.3	1.1%	Vacation Rentals	107,749.5	7.3%
Hotels	1,105,285.0	75.1%	Miscellaneous	57,811.9	3.9%
250+ Rooms	430,133.2	29.2%	Motels	184,600.0	12.5%
150-249 Rooms	183,170.1	12.4%	Vacation Rentals	107,749.5	7.3%
76-149 Rooms	294,278.5	20.0%	Miscellaneous	57,811.9	3.9%
1-75 Rooms	197,703.2	13.4%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

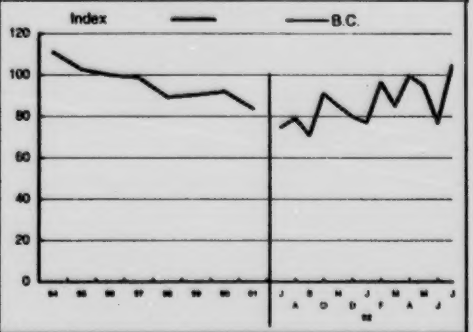


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	25,774
1995	23,846
1996	23,237
1997	22,958
1998	20,759
1999	21,009
2000	21,386
2001	19,474
Jan-Jul 01	11,614
Jan-Jul 02	12,286

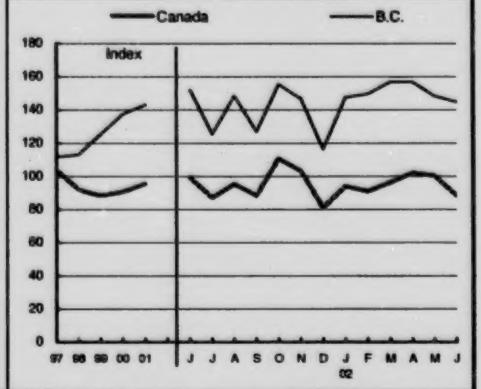
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



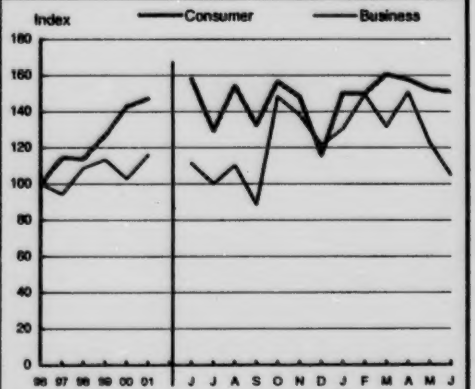
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	B.C.		Urban centres total		Non-urban B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	7,366	895	6,720	775	646	120
1998	7,327	1,031	6,629	875	698	156
1999	8,179	1,075	7,325	905	854	170
2000	9,181	976	8,198	828	983	148
2001	9,474	1,100	8,287	913	1,187	187
Jan-Jun 01	4,986	542	4,348	463	638	79
Jan-Jun 02	4,941	624	4,305	517	636	107

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
British Columbia	Sep '99	6.1	9.0	6.8	5.2	2.8
	Dec '99	6.0	8.6	6.8	5.1	2.7
	Mar '00	6.0	8.7	7.0	5.1	2.7
	Jun '00	5.9	8.7	6.8	5.0	2.7
	Sep '00	5.7	8.5	6.5	4.8	2.7
	Dec '00	5.6	8.1	6.4	4.7	2.6
	Mar '01	5.6	8.1	6.5	4.7	2.5
	Jun '01	5.5	8.1	6.4	4.6	2.5
	Sep '01	5.3	7.8	5.9	4.4	2.5
	Dec '01	5.2	7.5	5.9	4.3	2.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

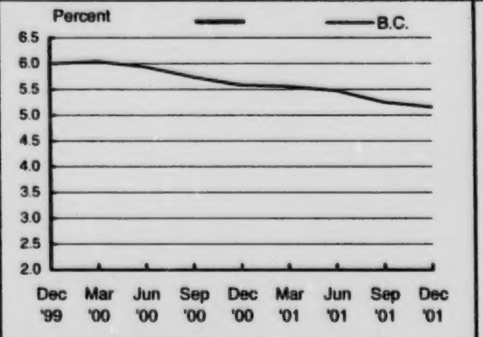
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.8	2.6	3.1	1.5	Sep '99
3.3	3.2	3.6	2.3	Dec '99
3.4	3.4	3.7	2.2	Mar '00
2.6	2.4	2.8	1.5	Jun '00
2.2	2.0	2.4	1.2	Sep '00
3.1	2.9	3.3	2.2	Dec '00
3.3	3.2	3.6	2.2	Mar '01
2.8	2.6	3.0	1.6	Jun '01
2.7	2.4	3.1	1.4	Sep '01

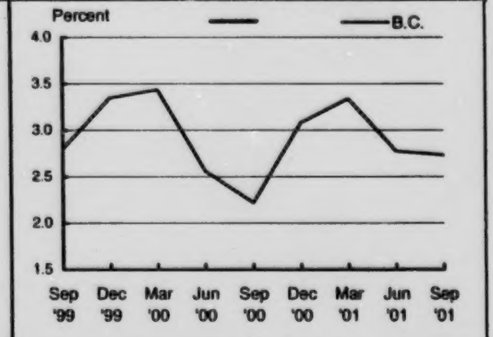
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	B.C.	Canada
Total Number of Recipients	181,284	no data available
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	41.4	no data available
1-2 Years	17.5	
>2 Years	41.1	

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipientsas % of Total Pop 0-64: Province of British Columbia



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

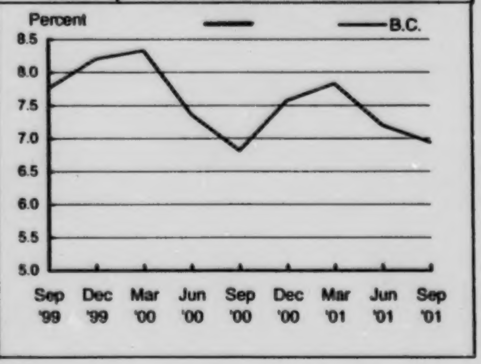
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
British Columbia	Sep '99	7.8	9.1	8.1	4.7
	Dec '99	8.2	9.7	8.5	5.4
	Mar '00	8.3	10.1	8.6	5.2
	Jun '00	7.4	9.0	7.7	4.5
	Sep '00	6.8	8.3	7.1	4.1
	Dec '00	7.6	9.1	7.8	5.0
	Mar '01	7.8	9.5	8.1	5.0
	Jun '01	7.2	8.8	7.5	4.4
	Sep '01	6.9	8.2	7.3	4.1

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Province of British Columbia



British Columbia

13 Demographics

The British Columbia population is getting larger and older. The major factor driving population growth is migration to British Columbia. The ageing of the population is caused by a long-term historical decline in fertility rates. The baby boom that occurred between the end of World War II and the mid-sixties helped delay the onset of the full effect of this ageing. As these "boomers" reach retirement age, the ageing of the population will accelerate. As the population ages, the rate of natural increase will fall, which means that migration will become an even greater part of population growth in the future.

14 Projection

Interprovincial migration levels have fallen substantially after several years of extremely large inflows. The provincial share of international migration has increased over the last few years and the higher levels are expected to be maintained for at least the short-term. As a result, population growth should persist, despite the drop in interprovincial migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

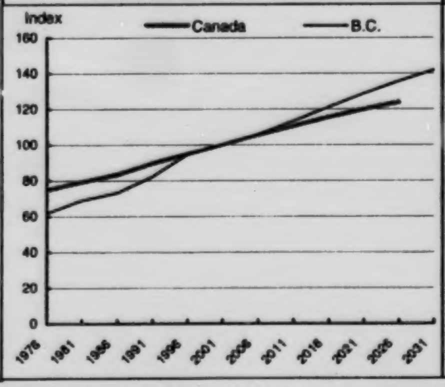
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	177.4	577.3	333.4	699.7	500.8	245.2	2,533.8	849.4	0.492	0.160	0.652	1976
1981	195.0	546.7	377.6	861.3	542.0	301.2	2,823.9	1,022.8	0.416	0.169	0.586	1981
1986	209.4	528.1	340.5	983.4	584.5	358.2	3,004.1	1,157.7	0.386	0.188	0.574	1986
1991	227.9	577.6	326.2	1,146.1	666.9	428.6	3,373.4	1,278.5	0.377	0.200	0.577	1991
1996	242.4	662.5	361.3	1,291.8	837.3	486.9	3,882.0	1,484.9	0.363	0.196	0.559	1996
2001	212.8	675.5	384.0	1,276.6	1,006.4	540.7	4,095.9	1,632.2	0.333	0.203	0.536	2001
2006	202.6	647.7	400.1	1,274.9	1,201.6	603.5	4,330.3	1,810.1	0.296	0.210	0.505	2006
2011	215.8	621.2	414.2	1,322.6	1,379.7	689.6	4,643.0	2,020.1	0.269	0.221	0.490	2011
2016	229.4	616.0	414.2	1,399.0	1,466.5	837.4	4,962.5	2,230.6	0.258	0.255	0.513	2016
2021	237.7	645.6	385.5	1,483.6	1,509.4	1,006.4	5,268.3	2,403.5	0.261	0.298	0.559	2021
2026	240.1	677.5	387.8	1,514.3	1,545.2	1,189.0	5,553.9	2,554.2	0.266	0.345	0.611	2026
2031	238.5	697.9	409.1	1,509.5	1,600.6	1,354.8	5,810.4	2,700.7	0.266	0.385	0.651	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

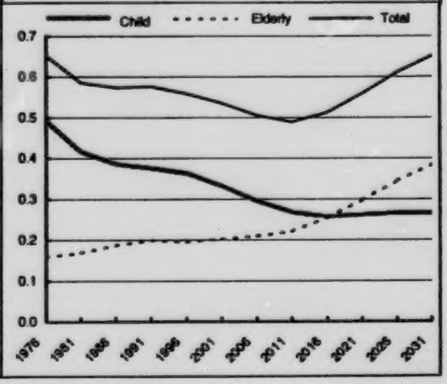
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

QRS

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Capital, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox-Strathcona, Powell River, Mount Waddington, Central Coast

Outside of the Capital region, forestry is by far the dominant economic activity in this region. In some areas, fishing is as important as the forest sector, but on the whole, the forest sector is what drives the economy. Within the Capital region, the public sector and services related to tourism and retirement are the main economic drivers. Being the provincial capital means that Victoria has a large government sector.

Since the forest sector is so important to this region's economy, developments in forestry will have significant effects on the population of the region. Many of the Timber Supply Areas and Tree Farm Licenses in this region are experiencing reductions to the Allowable Annual Cut. The Clayoquot Sound area is one of the more publicised reductions, but there are other areas that have also experienced cuts to the timber supply in the form of AAC reductions. These reductions could lead to job loss, particularly if alternative fibre sources cannot be found and processing facilities in the region are forced to shut down.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

		Vancouver Island/Coast							British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Firms with No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	24,572	22,856	1,785	792	167	25,600	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,555	1,307	85	46	11	1,449	5.7%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	66	51	1	4	1	57	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	13	14	3	1	1	19	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	4,288	2,712	174	48	3	2,937	11.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	925	992	91	74	21	1,178	4.6%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	878	916	73	24	2	1,015	4.0%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	1,952	2,992	259	122	22	3,395	13.3%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	1,051	886	39	19	7	951	3.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	243	225	40	13	5	283	1.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	1,185	632	67	34	6	739	2.9%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,226	976	66	22	2	1,066	4.2%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	3,438	2,744	113	28	0	2,885	11.3%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1,243	424	26	11	2	463	1.8%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	1,136	1,105	69	19	7	1,200	4.7%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	196	260	20	16	18	314	1.2%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	259	2,614	166	92	23	2,895	11.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	429	427	38	17	3	483	1.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	898	1,541	361	159	4	2,065	8.1%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,590	1,895	70	18	1	1,984	7.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	143	26	25	28	222	0.9%	0.5%	804

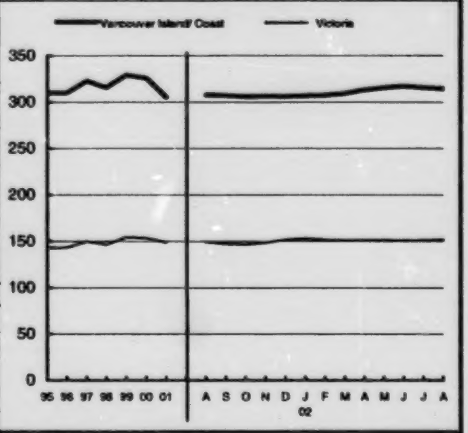
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

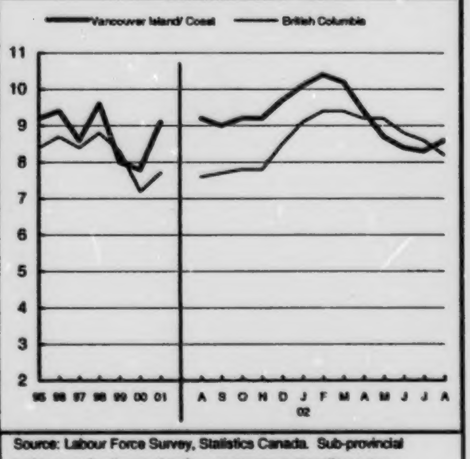
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001		305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	307.2	9.0	147.5	6.5	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	305.8	9.2	146.8	6.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	306.6	9.2	148.6	5.7	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	306.3	9.7	151.9	5.9	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	306.9	10.1	153.2	6.4	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	307.5	10.4	151.7	7.4	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	309.3	10.2	151.2	7.9	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	313.0	9.4	151.1	7.6	1,920.8	9.2
	May	315.5	8.7	151.6	6.9	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	317.1	8.4	150.8	6.9	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	315.7	8.3	151.2	7.0	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	314.5	8.6	151.8	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	313.1	9.2	151.5	7.3	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	2.8		2.1		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



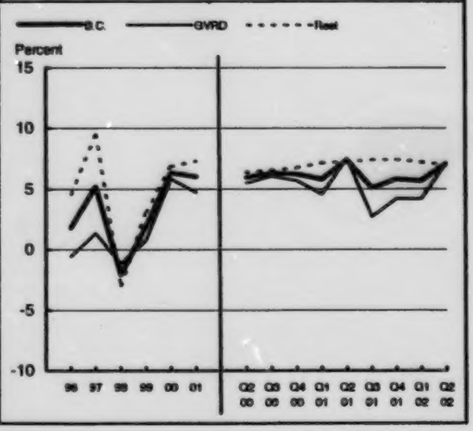
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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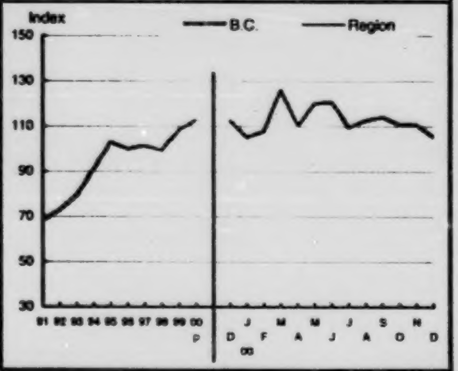
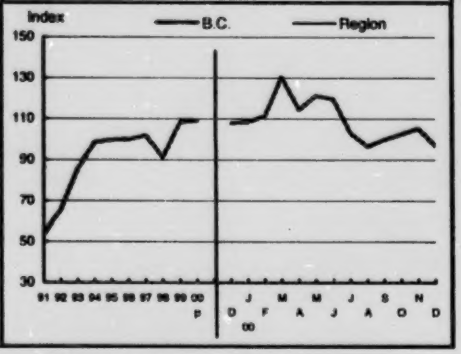
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	40	42	35	41	42
25	Wood	86	83	91	119	110
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	31	30	35	46	43
30	Metal Fabricating	60	55	62	79	71
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	427	423	472	559	540
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	..	..	..	..	..
25	Wood	..	..	..	..	..
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	..	..	..	..	..
30	Metal Fabricating	..	..	..	..	..
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	..	..	..	..	..
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	..	..	..	..	..
25	Wood	..	..	..	..	..
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	..	..	..	..	..
30	Metal Fabricating	..	..	..	..	..
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	..	..	..	..	..
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	..	..	..	..	..
25	Wood	..	..	..	..	..
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	..	..	..	..	..
30	Metal Fabricating	..	..	..	..	..
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	..	..	..	..	..

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

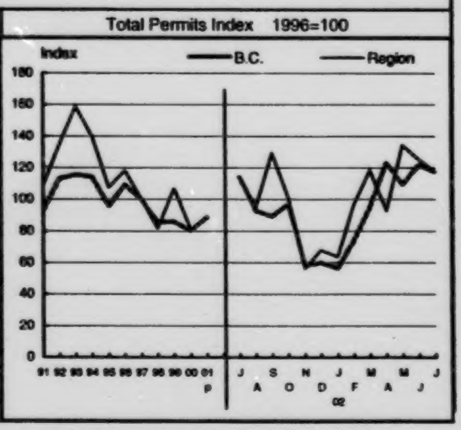


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	1,006.9	255.6	21.4	169.3	64.9	751.3	7,679
1995	771.7	299.0	40.5	128.3	130.2	472.7	3,899
1996	848.6	274.0	17.4	189.0	67.6	574.6	5,097
1997	718.6	237.8	13.3	168.3	56.2	480.9	3,849
1998	586.6	241.1	29.9	142.1	69.1	345.5	2,752
1999	766.4	406.1	34.1	169.9	202.0	380.3	2,823
2000	579.7	274.1	29.3	146.0	98.9	305.6	1,920
2001	633.5	286.0	34.2	143.7	108.0	347.5	2,234
YTD Jul '01	364.0	159.8	26.4	85.1	48.2	204.3	1,222
YTD Jul '02	448.0	153.2	9.8	81.7	61.8	294.8	1,995

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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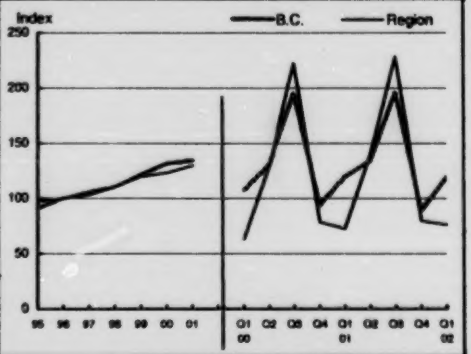
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	1998	219,676.9	29,608.9	56,943.8	97,744.2	35,380.0
	1999	238,389.2	34,522.1	62,216.9	106,259.8	35,390.3
	2000	245,354.5	31,384.6	64,514.9	110,348.5	39,106.4
	2001	258,548.5	36,163.8	69,310.1	113,326.6	39,748.0
	2002	38,052.5	38,052.5			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,608.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100



Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

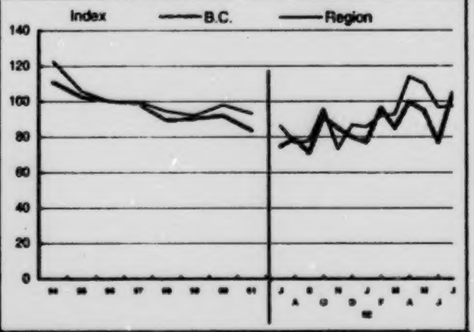
Vanc. Isl./Coast 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	258,426.4	100.0%	Miscellaneous	20,817.1	8.1%
Fishing lodges	9,456.8	3.7%			
Hotels	165,519.8	64.0%			
76-149 Rooms	49,471.0	19.1%			
1-75 Rooms	52,065.8	20.1%			
Motels	36,469.7	14.1%			
Vacation Rentals	26,163.2	10.1%			

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	3,154
1995	2,723
1996	2,573
1997	2,571
1998	2,434
1999	2,372
2000	2,523
2001	2,401
Jan-Jul 01	1,521
Jan-Jul 02	1,476

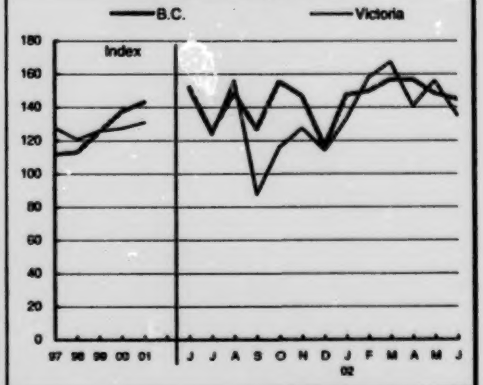
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



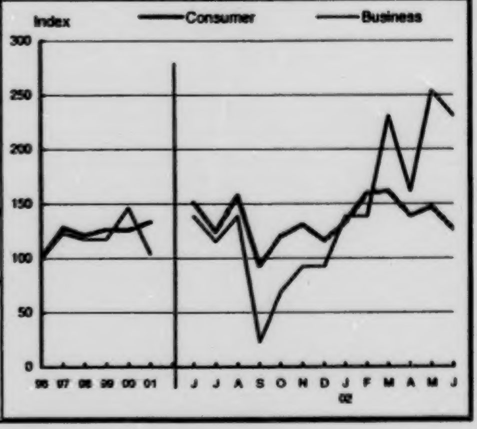
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Victoria		Nanaimo		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	742	64	263	20	7,366	895
1998	701	61	319	43	7,327	1,031
1999	733	61	375	35	8,179	1,075
2000	728	76	363	48	9,181	976
2001	772	54	330	42	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	414	31	178	29	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	418	50	187	10	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Sep '99	7.5	10.7	10.4	6.3	3.4
	Dec '99	7.3	10.1	10.3	6.2	3.2
	Mar '00	7.4	10.4	10.9	6.4	3.1
	Jun '00	7.3	10.4	10.5	6.2	3.2
	Sep '00	7.1	10.2	10.0	6.0	3.2
	Dec '00	6.9	9.8	9.9	5.9	3.0
	Mar '01	6.9	9.8	9.9	5.9	2.9
	Jun '01	6.8	9.8	9.8	5.8	3.0
	Sep '01	6.5	9.6	9.2	5.5	2.9
	Dec '01	6.3	9.1	8.9	5.4	2.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

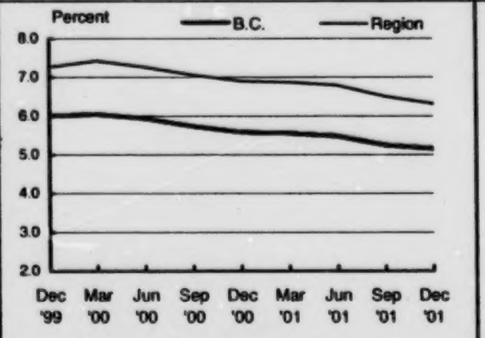
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.6	2.5	2.9	1.3	Sep '99
3.5	3.7	3.8	1.9	Dec '99
3.4	3.7	3.8	1.7	Mar '00
2.4	2.4	2.7	1.2	Jun '00
2.1	2.0	2.4	1.1	Sep '00
3.2	3.2	3.5	1.8	Dec '00
3.3	3.3	3.7	1.8	Mar '01
2.5	2.4	2.9	1.2	Jun '01
2.6	2.3	3.0	1.2	Sep '01

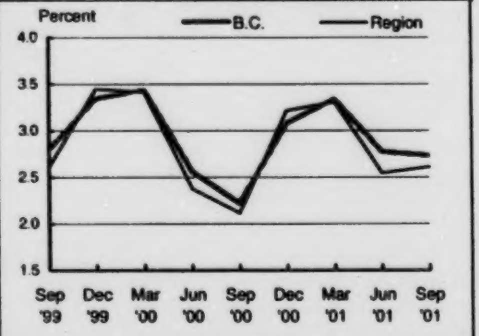
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	37,959	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.1	41.4
1-2 Years	18.3	17.5
>2 Years	39.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

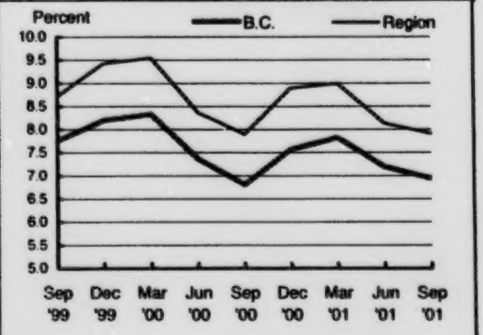
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Sep '99	8.7	12.5	9.1	4.1
	Dec '99	9.4	13.5	9.8	4.8
	Mar '00	9.5	14.1	9.9	4.6
	Jun '00	8.4	12.6	8.7	4.0
	Sep '00	7.9	11.8	8.2	3.8
	Dec '00	8.9	12.9	9.2	4.5
	Mar '01	9.0	12.9	9.4	4.4
	Jun '01	8.1	11.9	8.5	3.8
	Sep '01	7.9	11.3	8.3	3.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

There are several retirement communities located in this region such as in the Victoria and Qualicum areas, and this is likely why the median age of the population is higher than the provincial median. This is reflected in the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64), which is higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the gender ratio is biased in favour of females, even more so than for the province as a whole, and this may also be due to the older population (i.e., since women tend to live longer than men).

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) in this region is continuing to decline, having become negative just recently; however, net migration to the region is expected to remain at high levels, which will more than compensate for population losses due to deaths. As a result, this region will continue to experience strong population growth over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	31.7	106.2	62.2	122.0	99.3	55.1	476.6	165.1	0.487	0.194	0.681	1976
1981	34.9	99.7	68.2	153.4	106.5	68.1	530.8	200.0	0.410	0.208	0.618	1981
1986	36.9	95.7	58.8	172.4	111.5	81.7	557.0	224.8	0.387	0.238	0.625	1986
1991	39.9	105.2	55.9	201.1	127.6	99.2	628.9	250.5	0.377	0.258	0.635	1991
1996	40.6	118.6	60.1	218.3	158.8	110.0	706.4	288.4	0.364	0.252	0.616	1996
2001	32.3	116.2	64.0	203.8	186.9	117.9	721.0	304.1	0.326	0.259	0.586	2001
2006	30.1	104.5	66.7	193.6	216.8	126.8	738.5	332.2	0.282	0.266	0.548	2006
2011	32.1	98.3	68.3	198.6	244.4	141.8	783.5	369.2	0.255	0.277	0.532	2011
2016	34.0	97.3	66.8	209.6	253.6	168.4	829.7	405.0	0.248	0.318	0.565	2016
2021	34.7	101.9	60.5	222.5	254.1	198.1	871.8	431.9	0.254	0.369	0.623	2021
2026	34.6	105.5	60.4	226.5	254.2	227.6	908.7	455.1	0.259	0.421	0.680	2026
2031	33.7	107.6	63.2	222.1	260.3	253.3	940.2	476.4	0.259	0.464	0.723	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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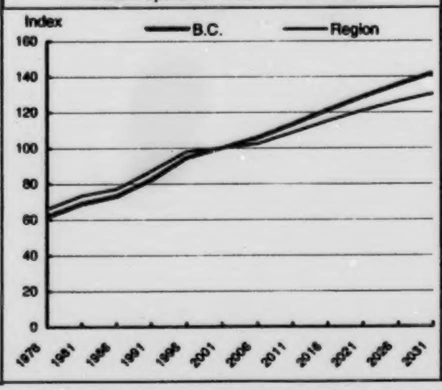
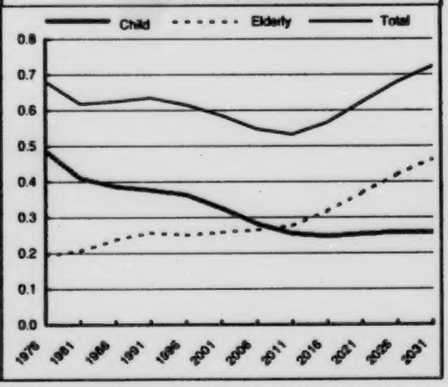


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast, Squamish-Lillooet

This region encompasses the economic heart of the province. The Greater Vancouver region has an extensive manufacturing, trade and service base and many of the areas surrounding Vancouver depend on its economic activities. In the regions furthest from Vancouver, forestry and agriculture are the main economic drivers. Tourism is also gaining in importance, particularly in the Whistler area.

The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. The plan will affect the growth patterns and the distribution of the population within the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mainland/Southwest							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	98,714	78,141	7,606	4,043	735	90,525	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	2,614	2,436	177	77	9	2,699	3.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	578	282	27	11	5	325	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	60	37	3	7	4	51	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	15,140	8,022	603	285	34	8,944	9.9%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	3,245	4,220	792	570	107	5,689	6.3%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	5,673	6,488	698	299	31	7,516	8.3%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	6,598	8,174	807	416	85	9,482	10.5%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	4,567	3,405	274	162	47	3,888	4.3%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,866	1,486	177	127	29	1,819	2.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	6,671	3,015	366	157	38	3,576	4.0%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14,191	3,896	301	157	18	4,372	4.8%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	15,716	10,812	644	320	33	11,809	13.0%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	5,979	1,822	188	108	11	2,129	2.4%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	4,728	4,093	361	193	32	4,679	5.2%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	781	915	119	57	35	1,126	1.2%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	880	6,743	485	224	80	7,532	8.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,864	1,208	127	88	22	1,445	1.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,787	4,382	1,113	653	46	6,194	6.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	4,774	6,590	318	109	29	7,046	7.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	2	115	26	23	40	204	0.2%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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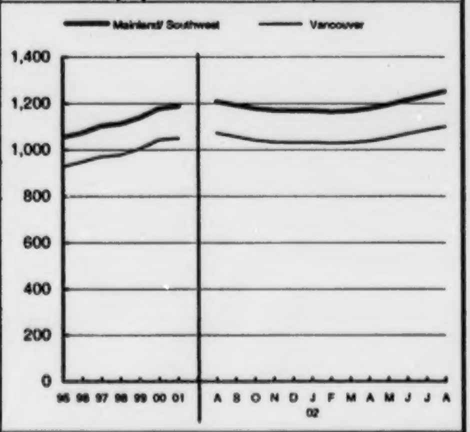
Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

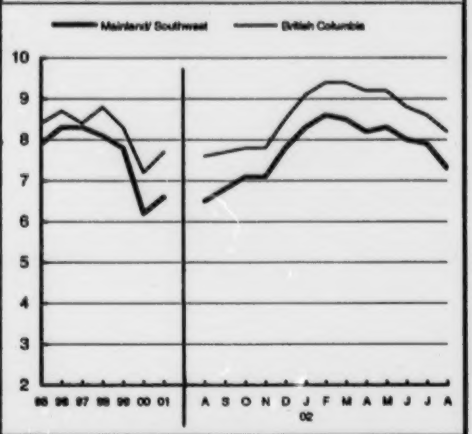
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992				859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993				869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995		1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997		1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May	1,198.8	5.7	1,060.2	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	1,205.2	5.7	1,068.1	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	1,215.0	5.8	1,077.8	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	1,208.2	6.5	1,072.9	6.4	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	1,193.7	6.8	1,058.3	6.8	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	1,179.7	7.1	1,042.9	7.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	1,171.4	7.1	1,034.6	7.1	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	1,169.2	7.8	1,032.1	7.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	1,169.2	8.3	1,033.7	8.2	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	1,165.2	8.6	1,029.5	8.5	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	1,168.3	8.5	1,031.5	8.4	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	1,178.5	8.2	1,038.7	8.2	1,920.8	9.2
	May	1,194.8	8.3	1,052.5	8.3	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	1,214.8	8.0	1,069.8	8.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	1,233.6	7.9	1,085.7	7.9	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	1,252.1	7.3	1,100.7	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	1,196.6	6.2	1,059.7	6.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	1,208.6	8.0	1,064.5	8.0	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	1.0		0.5		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



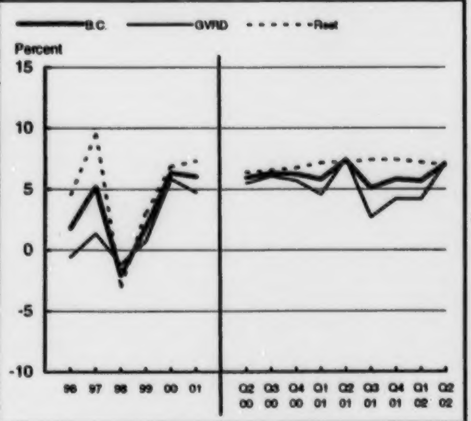
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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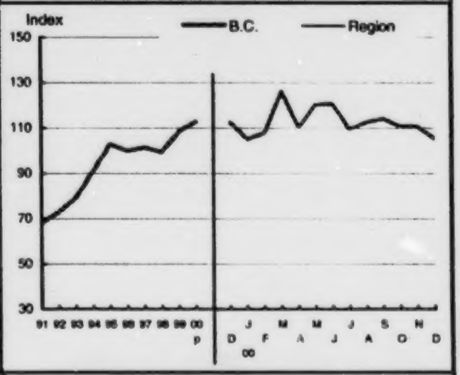
Development Region

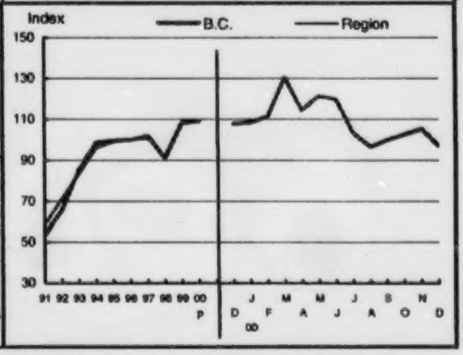
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	222	212	217	242	241
25	Wood	278	271	269	312	297
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	81	80	80	84	84
30	Metal Fabricating	349	345	373	439	432
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,451	2,361	2,607	2,916	2,815
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	2,983.9	3,078.4	3,109.8	3,136.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	1,366.2	1,458.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	14,283	14,150	13,201	13,395
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	8,178	8,925
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	569.6	594.3	568.3	570.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	327.1	359.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

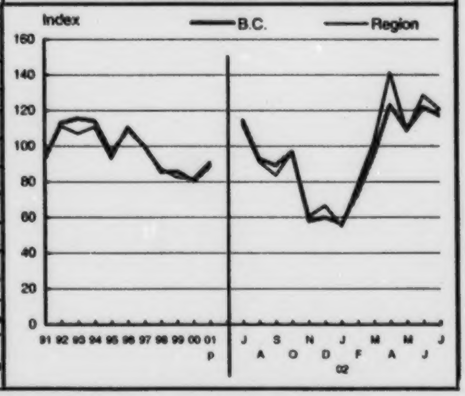


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	4,107.3	1,143.7	91.2	721.6	330.9	2,963.6	24,283
1995	3,452.3	1,236.7	126.2	680.1	430.4	2,215.6	16,495
1996	4,113.6	1,303.5	175.0	823.8	304.6	2,810.1	20,275
1997	3,708.2	1,310.7	183.7	953.3	173.6	2,397.6	18,440
1998	3,236.3	1,414.9	189.2	944.3	281.4	1,821.4	13,115
1999	3,061.9	1,304.9	231.0	749.5	324.4	1,757.0	11,496
2000	3,029.7	1,412.9	185.1	929.3	298.4	1,616.8	10,024
2001	3,369.4	1,376.9	150.5	795.0	431.3	1,992.5	11,717
YTD Jul '01	2,137.7	908.9	92.6	549.7	266.7	1,228.8	7,257
YTD Jul '02	2,268.8	705.9	108.0	457.5	140.4	1,562.9	9,609

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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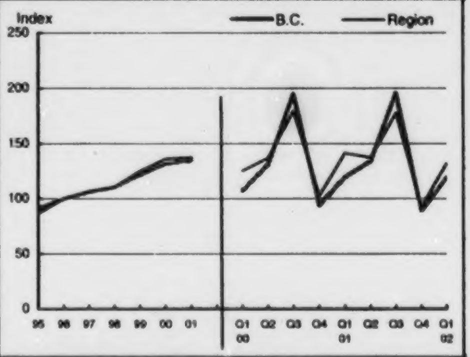
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	1998	686,970.2	144,376.1	164,343.2	243,479.4	134,771.4
	1999	778,152.8	176,701.5	191,542.8	268,675.0	141,233.5
	2000	845,727.9	194,795.4	212,782.5	278,540.5	159,609.6
	2001	853,273.6	219,915.5	213,701.5	275,834.1	143,822.5
	2002	204,811.3	204,811.3			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Mainland/SW 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	852,776.3	100.0%
Hotels	761,582.7	89.3%
150+ Rooms	526,465.9	61.7%
76-149 Rooms	161,355.4	18.9%
1-75 Rooms	73,761.3	8.6%
Motels	33,145.1	3.9%
Vacation Rentals	42,046.1	4.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

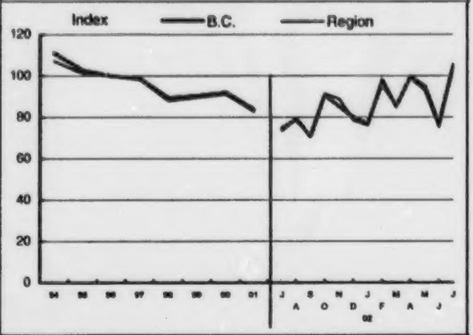


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	18,638
1995	17,599
1996	17,397
1997	17,099
1998	15,320
1999	15,578
2000	15,862
2001	14,416
Jan-Jul 01	8,491
Jan-Jul 02	9,180

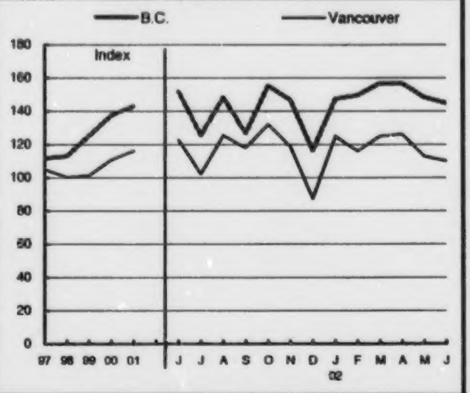
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



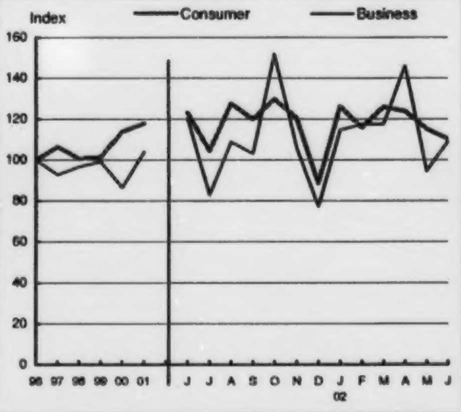
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver		Matsqui		Chilliwack	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	3,593	389	318	38	145	23
1998	3,399	405	308	37	147	27
1999	3,428	415	397	68	193	24
2000	3,842	363	487	45	213	22
2001	3,977	436	417	63	210	28
Jan-Jun 01	2,034	216	244	29	113	9
Jan-Jun 02	2,017	244	227	20	75	24

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Sep '99	5.4	8.0	5.0	4.6	2.4
	Dec '99	5.2	7.8	4.8	4.5	2.3
	Mar '00	5.2	7.8	4.9	4.4	2.3
	Jun '00	5.1	7.6	4.7	4.3	2.2
	Sep '00	4.9	7.5	4.5	4.1	2.2
	Dec '00	4.7	7.2	4.4	4.0	2.1
	Mar '01	4.7	7.1	4.5	4.0	2.1
	Jun '01	4.6	6.9	4.4	3.9	2.0
	Sep '01	4.5	6.8	4.2	3.8	2.0
	Dec '01	4.4	6.5	4.2	3.7	1.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

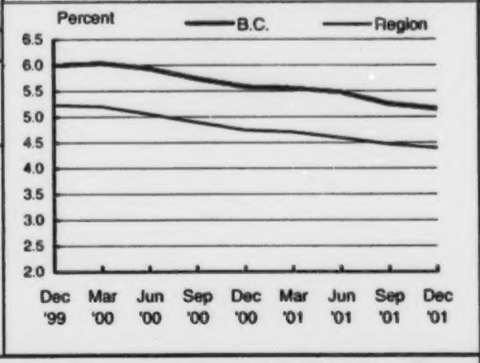
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.5	2.1	2.7	1.4	Sep '99
2.9	2.4	3.0	2.3	Dec '99
2.9	2.5	3.1	2.1	Mar '00
2.2	2.0	2.4	1.4	Jun '00
2.0	1.7	2.2	1.1	Sep '00
2.5	2.1	2.7	2.1	Dec '00
2.6	2.2	2.8	2.0	Mar '01
2.4	2.1	2.6	1.4	Jun '01
2.5	2.1	2.9	1.3	Sep '01

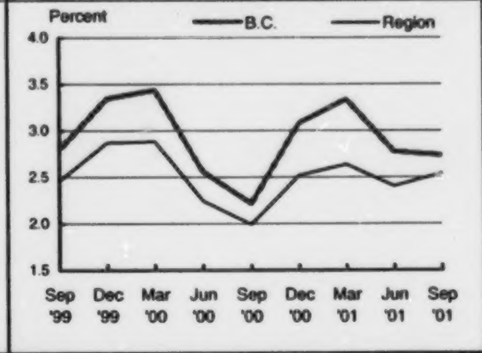
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	89,898	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	37.5	41.4
1-2 Years	17.1	17.5
>2 Years	45.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

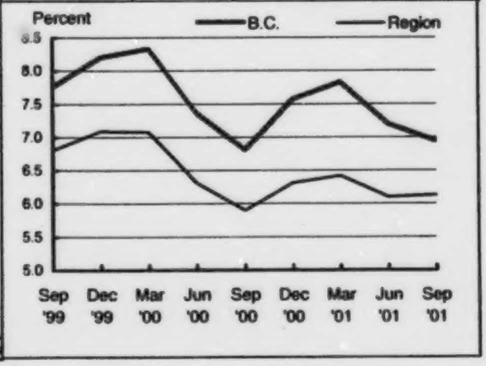
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Sep '99	6.8	6.9	7.2	4.6
	Dec '99	7.1	7.0	7.4	5.5
	Mar '00	7.1	7.2	7.4	5.2
	Jun '00	6.3	6.5	6.6	4.4
	Sep '00	5.9	6.1	6.2	4.1
	Dec '00	6.3	6.3	6.6	5.0
	Mar '01	6.4	6.6	6.7	4.7
	Jun '01	6.1	6.4	6.4	4.2
	Sep '01	6.1	6.2	6.5	4.0

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Mainland/Southwest

Development Region

13 Demographics

This region comprises well over half the provincial population, despite being the smallest in terms of land mass. As a result, the demographic characteristics of the region's population are similar to those of British Columbia as a whole.

This region receives close to 90 per cent of immigrants moving to British Columbia, and over half of all interprovincial in-migrants. As a result, when the province experiences high levels of in-migration, this region also experiences population growth.

14 Projection

It is expected that migration to British Columbia, both from international and interprovincial sources, will remain high throughout most of the projection period, although for interprovincial migration, at least, the levels will be much less than those experienced in the last few years, and in the short-term there will be net outflows of interprovincial migrants. Slow downs in the province's resource sector will likely result in increased migration from the periphery to the core in the short-term. As a result of the substantial inflows of migrants, this region will continue to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

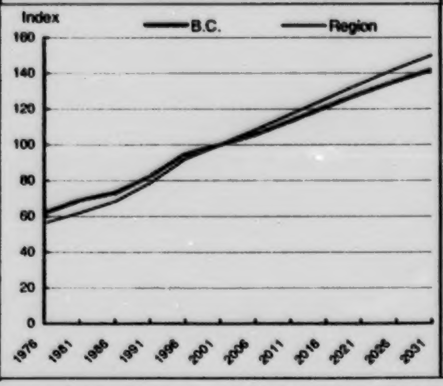
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	85.5	283.1	178.0	381.2	276.8	139.4	1,343.9	464.4	0.441	0.167	0.608	1976
1981	93.5	264.2	199.7	463.1	295.9	167.3	1,483.7	550.4	0.373	0.175	0.548	1981
1986	108.4	263.2	193.7	553.3	321.3	195.9	1,635.9	639.0	0.348	0.183	0.531	1986
1991	125.4	301.2	191.4	669.1	367.5	230.2	1,884.9	711.2	0.347	0.187	0.535	1991
1996	137.8	354.3	212.8	769.8	466.4	258.6	2,199.7	827.7	0.340	0.178	0.518	1996
2001	130.8	378.7	222.4	791.8	577.7	291.8	2,393.1	940.2	0.320	0.183	0.503	2001
2006	125.4	383.6	236.7	812.3	703.9	329.3	2,591.2	1,052.3	0.290	0.188	0.478	2006
2011	133.2	375.0	250.1	842.8	818.9	379.6	2,799.4	1,175.4	0.268	0.199	0.464	2011
2016	142.7	372.4	255.9	887.7	883.5	468.0	3,010.2	1,303.1	0.254	0.231	0.485	2016
2021	150.0	389.0	243.3	940.0	923.2	569.2	3,214.7	1,414.3	0.256	0.270	0.526	2021
2026	153.7	411.7	243.0	968.1	952.4	681.5	3,410.4	1,509.9	0.261	0.315	0.576	2026
2031	154.2	429.4	255.5	976.1	985.8	789.0	3,590.0	1,603.1	0.263	0.356	0.619	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

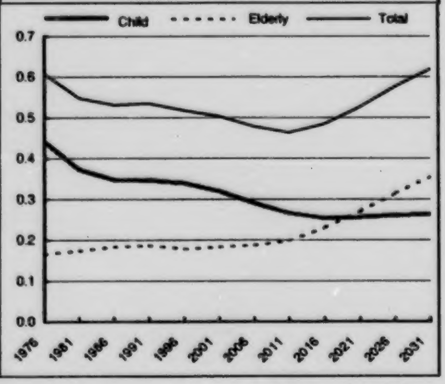
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Thompson/Okanagan
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, Columbia-Shuswap

The main economic drivers in this region are forestry, tourism and agriculture. This region contains the most productive agricultural areas within the province. The climate of the area, which is so conducive to agriculture, also draws a large number of tourists and retirees to the region. Mining is also an important industry, particularly in the Kamloops area, where the largest mine in the province, the Highland Valley Mines, is located.

Developments in the resource sectors will affect the population flows to and from this region. Several major mines have closed in this region in the last few years due either to ore depletion or poor metal prices. Although the impact of these closures on a regional basis will probably be small, the local impacts could be significant. The Highland Valley Mines is projected to close sometime around 2008 and will have the most significant impact in terms of job loss and population movement.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson/Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	17,623	18,124	1,390	587	85	20,186	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,505	1,929	69	22	3	2,023	10.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	83	72	1	1	2	76	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	34	33	4	3	0	40	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	3,309	2,354	134	41	1	2,530	12.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	709	811	124	85	16	1,036	5.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	766	861	71	22	1	955	4.7%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	1,375	2,153	187	104	11	2,455	12.2%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	888	815	43	21	5	884	4.4%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	141	134	16	11	0	161	0.8%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	895	534	53	14	3	604	3.0%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,281	819	51	23	3	896	4.4%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	1,672	1,497	44	12	1	1,554	7.7%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	929	394	37	10	1	442	2.2%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	681	832	43	7	1	883	4.4%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	131	165	11	6	13	195	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	150	1,485	103	57	12	1,657	8.2%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	235	345	53	15	4	417	2.1%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	713	1,220	290	114	3	1,627	8.1%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,124	1,548	40	8	0	1,596	7.9%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	2	123	16	11	5	155	0.8%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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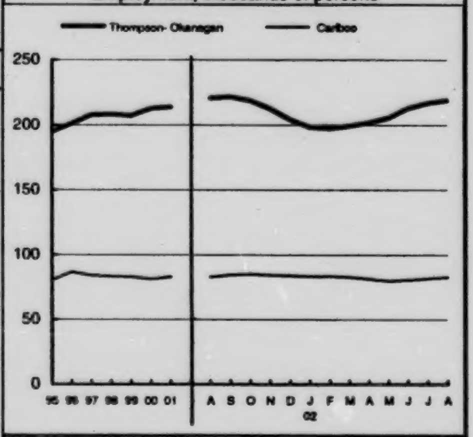
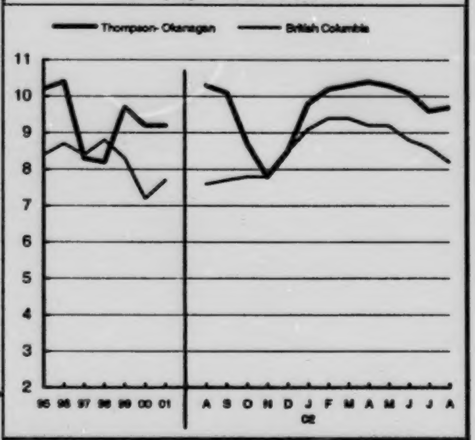
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	221.5	10.1	84.6	9.3	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	218.6	8.7	85.2	8.4	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	212.6	7.8	84.5	7.9	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	204.2	8.5	84.0	9.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	198.3	9.8	83.5	11.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	197.4	10.2	83.7	12.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	199.3	10.3	82.9	13.0	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	201.7	10.4	81.7	13.3	1,920.8	9.2
	May	205.5	10.3	80.0	14.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	212.8	10.1	80.8	13.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	217.0	9.6	81.8	13.7	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	219.1	9.7	83.0	12.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	208.8	10.1	82.0	13.5	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-0.4		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



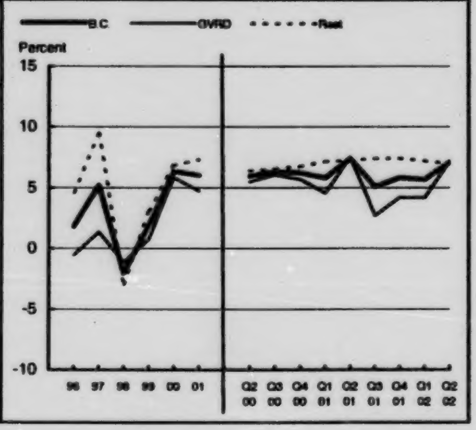
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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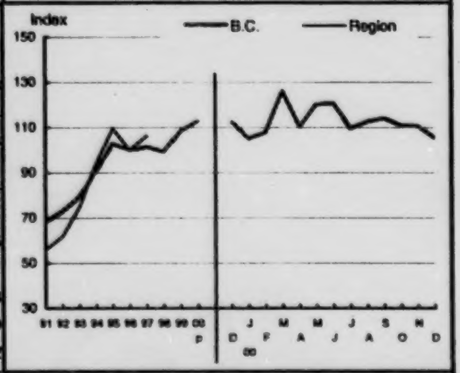
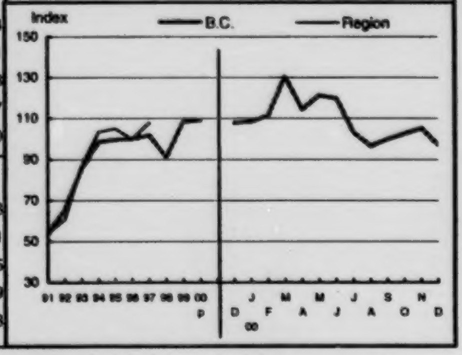
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	23	21	23	24	21
25	Wood	99	97	92	114	113
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	42	42	53	54
30	Metal Fabricating	54	56	62	74	73
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	375	378	414	464	451
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	117.2	113.8	119.5	219.0	129.5
25	Wood	1,288.7	1,531.0	1,556.4	1,481.7	1,597.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	380.7	615.9	631.4	627.2	660.8
30	Metal Fabricating	80.6	98.7	121.6	135.5	137.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,557.3	3,223.7	3,737.3	3,418.4	3,635.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	585	617	542	636	374
25	Wood	6,111	6,800	6,287	5,885	6,231
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,705	2,498	2,400	2,188	2,273
30	Metal Fabricating	903	931	1,085	1,115	1,207
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	14,223	15,801	16,256	15,640	16,320
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	17.0	17.5	19.7	23.7	12.3
25	Wood	248.6	292.2	289.3	277.2	303.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	74.0	108.0	109.8	102.1	118.5
30	Metal Fabricating	27.7	29.3	37.5	40.0	42.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	538.1	620.7	669.0	645.2	683.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

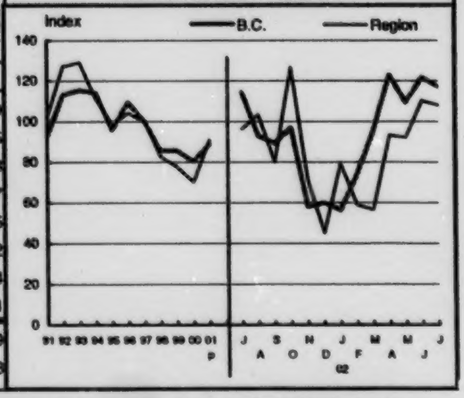


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	633.4	161.6	24.0	106.7	30.9	471.9	4,690
1995	561.4	207.2	30.6	116.7	59.9	354.2	3,545
1996	593.3	213.7	19.3	113.7	80.6	379.7	3,853
1997	569.3	183.3	46.6	100.9	35.8	386.0	3,607
1998	470.5	202.9	26.5	130.0	46.4	267.7	2,475
1999	442.6	182.3	18.4	101.4	62.5	260.3	2,382
2000	399.6	182.4	30.6	97.2	54.6	217.2	1,744
2001	517.0	242.6	17.8	154.4	70.4	274.3	2,191
YTD Jul '01	314.7	156.6	12.3	109.3	35.0	158.0	1,199
YTD Jul '02	284.1	82.5	16.0	54.5	12.0	201.6	1,563

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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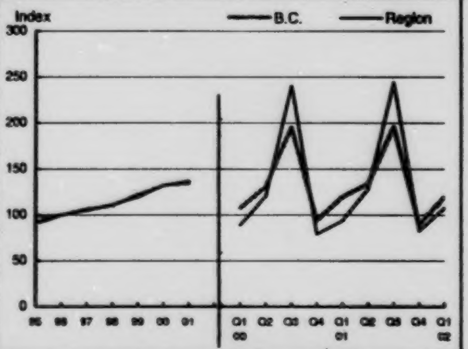
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	1998	155,799.5	24,991.7	37,596.0	70,365.9	22,845.9
	1999	166,895.0	29,008.3	38,557.5	75,051.6	24,277.6
	2000	185,048.8	31,115.2	42,184.6	84,053.2	27,695.9
	2001	191,784.4	32,782.8	44,787.3	85,350.0	28,864.4
	2002	37,580.4	37,580.4			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Thompson/Ok. 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	191,440.1	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,728.3	0.9%
Hotels	100,205.4	52.3%
76+ Rooms	67,135.6	35.1%
1-75 Rooms	33,069.8	17.3%
Motels	60,811.8	31.8%
Vacation Rentals	19,415.2	10.1%
Miscellaneous	9,279.4	4.8%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

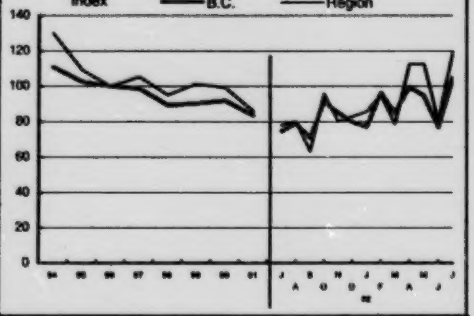


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	2,216
1995	1,863
1996	1,706
1997	1,797
1998	1,622
1999	1,729
2000	1,695
2001	1,470
Jan-Jul 01	898
Jan-Jul 02	972

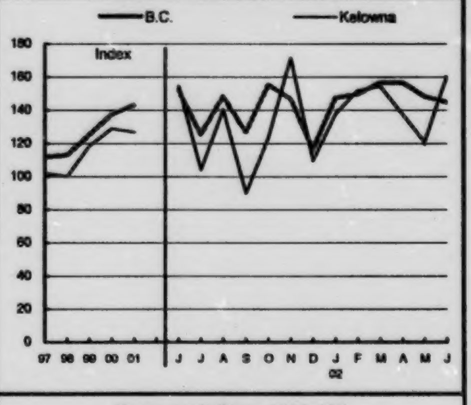
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



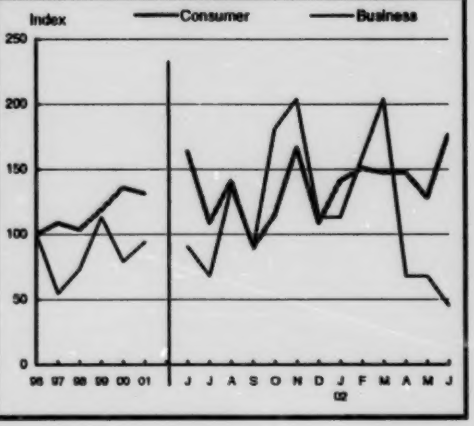
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna		Kamloops		Penticton	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	407	29	206	42	155	12
1998	389	39	193	38	157	22
1999	446	60	213	41	176	13
2000	509	42	258	51	202	17
2001	492	50	280	52	172	16
Jan-Jun 01	264	15	155	28	84	12
Jan-Jun 02	278	29	155	29	113	14

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

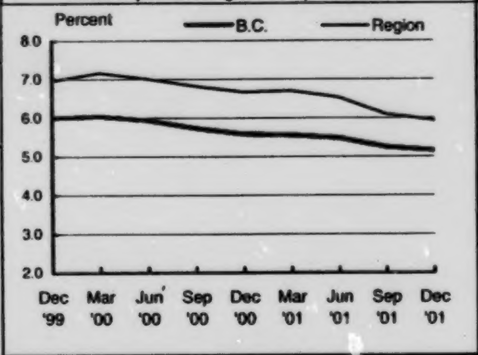
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Sep '99	7.0	10.1	8.4	5.9	3.4
	Dec '99	7.0	9.8	8.9	6.0	3.3
	Mar '00	7.2	10.2	9.2	6.1	3.3
	Jun '00	7.0	10.1	8.8	6.0	3.4
	Sep '00	6.8	10.0	8.2	5.8	3.4
	Dec '00	6.7	9.5	8.2	5.7	3.2
	Mar '01	6.7	9.7	8.2	5.7	3.1
	Jun '01	6.5	9.7	7.7	5.5	3.2
	Sep '01	6.1	9.3	6.8	5.1	3.1
	Dec '01	5.9	8.8	6.6	5.1	2.9

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	24,246	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.0	41.4
1-2 Years	17.8	17.5
>2 Years	36.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



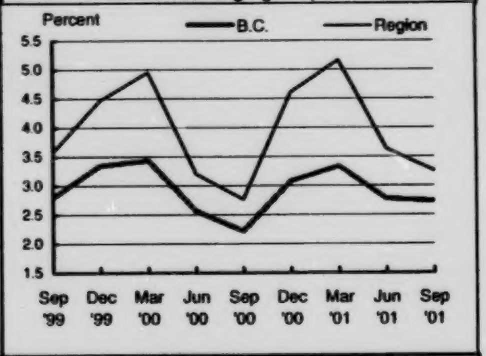
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.6	3.4	4.0	1.9	Sep '99
4.5	4.8	4.9	2.5	Dec '99
5.0	5.2	5.4	2.8	Mar '00
3.2	3.4	3.5	1.7	Jun '00
2.8	2.8	3.1	1.4	Sep '00
4.6	4.9	5.0	2.7	Dec '00
5.2	5.4	5.6	3.0	Mar '01
3.6	3.7	4.0	2.1	Jun '01
3.3	3.1	3.7	1.7	Sep '01

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

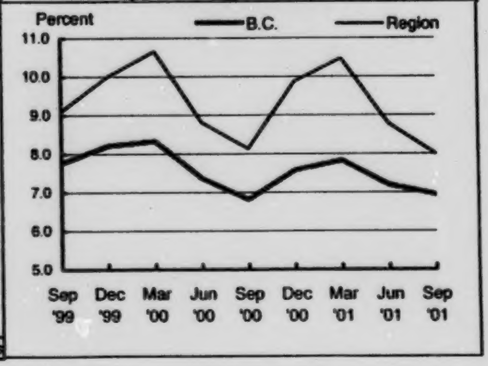
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Sep '99	9.1	11.4	9.7	4.8
	Dec '99	10.0	13.1	10.6	5.4
	Mar '00	10.7	13.9	11.3	5.7
	Jun '00	8.8	11.8	9.3	4.6
	Sep '00	8.1	10.6	8.6	4.1
	Dec '00	9.9	12.6	10.5	5.4
	Mar '01	10.5	13.2	11.1	5.7
	Jun '01	8.8	11.2	9.4	4.7
	Sep '01	8.0	9.7	8.6	4.1

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region experienced net outflows of migrants during the mid-eighties, probably due to the downturn in the forest sector at that time. In-migration has been high until the last few years, contributing to strong population growth for the region. The median age of the population in this region is higher than the provincial median, probably due to the substantial number of retirees located in the region. The proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The net migration inflows to this region will likely remain relatively low for the short-term, but should grow throughout the projection period. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is falling, and this trend will likely continue, becoming negative in the next couple of years. However, the strong inflows of migrants will likely more than compensate for any losses due to increased deaths and this region is expected to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

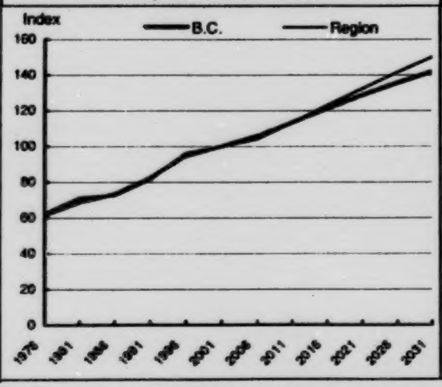
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	22.0	75.9	37.7	79.5	59.9	29.4	304.4	98.8	0.553	0.166	0.719	1976
1981	24.2	73.1	43.1	98.4	68.9	39.6	347.3	123.3	0.463	0.188	0.651	1981
1986	23.7	66.7	36.1	103.9	74.4	49.2	353.9	135.9	0.422	0.229	0.651	1986
1991	25.2	71.2	33.4	118.6	85.8	61.9	396.1	152.3	0.405	0.261	0.666	1991
1996	27.4	83.4	39.4	137.0	106.7	74.6	468.6	184.1	0.391	0.263	0.655	1996
2001	22.1	82.4	45.5	131.9	122.3	83.3	487.4	201.2	0.349	0.278	0.627	2001
2006	21.8	73.9	46.8	130.0	142.6	92.4	507.5	225.0	0.300	0.289	0.589	2006
2011	24.6	71.9	46.8	141.9	162.7	103.1	551.0	255.4	0.275	0.293	0.568	2011
2016	26.3	75.4	46.0	158.2	172.6	119.9	598.4	285.0	0.270	0.318	0.588	2016
2021	27.2	82.5	43.2	171.9	180.0	139.9	644.7	309.6	0.277	0.354	0.631	2021
2026	27.5	87.5	47.0	174.9	190.1	162.5	689.4	334.3	0.279	0.394	0.673	2026
2031	27.8	90.0	51.5	175.2	205.0	181.8	731.3	360.2	0.273	0.421	0.694	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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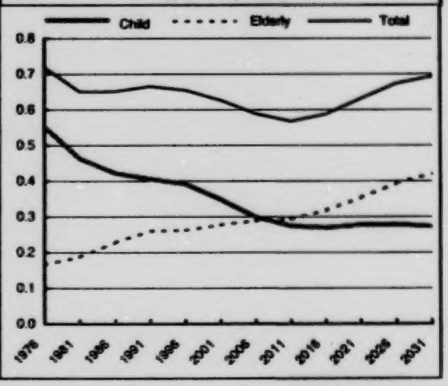

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Kootenay
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay-Boundary

Mining and forestry are the main economic drivers in this region. The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry with five major coal mines located there. The Cominco Smelter at Trail is a major employer in that area and construction related to hydroelectric projects is another important source of employment.

The closure of the Sullivan Mine in Kimberley and slow down in the forestry sector will likely mean that the recent out-migration will continue for the near future. Depletion of reserves could reduce the amount of growth over the long-term, although the area has good potential for new discoveries.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	4,581	5,707	344	159	39	6,249	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	431	535	26	11	0	572	9.2%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	36	29	3	1	5	38	0.6%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	10	13	2	0	1	16	0.3%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	821	683	29	7	3	722	11.6%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	197	255	19	17	8	299	4.8%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	164	194	15	3	0	212	3.4%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	490	791	42	29	0	862	13.8%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	229	308	11	2	1	322	5.2%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	28	76	7	3	0	86	1.4%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	164	102	14	3	1	120	1.9%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	520	204	16	1	1	222	3.6%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	439	439	7	2	0	448	7.2%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	172	61	2	1	0	64	1.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	167	239	9	0	0	248	4.0%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	27	47	0	5	9	61	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	34	434	28	36	7	505	8.1%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	79	173	13	9	1	196	3.1%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	246	540	82	17	2	641	10.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	326	512	13	2	0	527	8.4%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	72	6	10	0	88	1.4%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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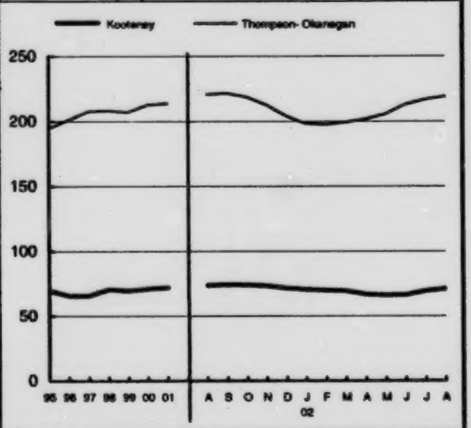
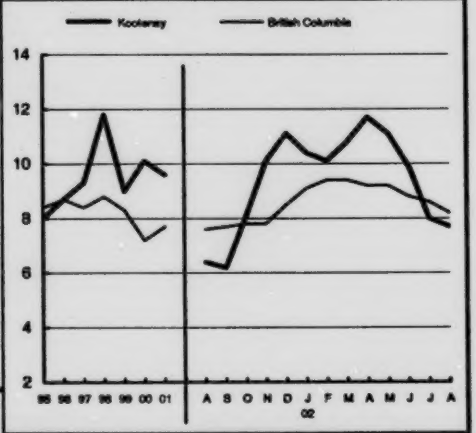
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	69.9	10.2	216.0	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	72.0	9.2	218.7	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	72.6	8.4	221.8	9.2	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	73.7	6.4	220.7	10.3	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	74.3	6.2	221.5	10.1	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	74.0	8.1	218.6	8.7	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	73.3	10.1	212.6	7.8	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	71.6	11.1	204.2	8.5	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	70.7	10.4	198.3	9.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	70.1	10.1	197.4	10.2	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	69.5	10.8	199.3	10.3	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	66.9	11.7	201.7	10.4	1,920.8	9.2
	May	66.3	11.1	205.5	10.3	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	66.5	9.9	212.8	10.1	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	69.6	8.0	217.0	9.6	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	71.0	7.7	219.1	9.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	71.6	9.2	216.4	9.6	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	69.0	9.6	208.8	10.1	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-3.5		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



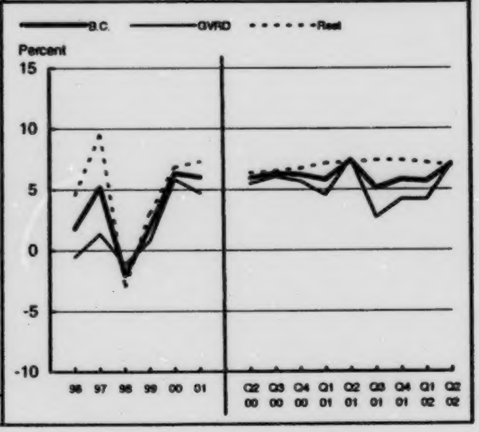
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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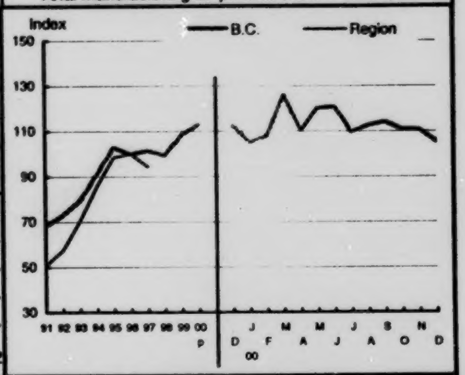
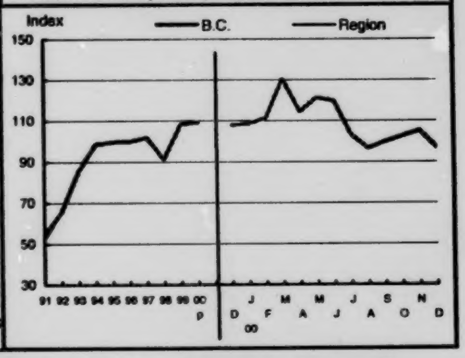
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	3	2
25	Wood	40	39	38	42	42
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	28	26	26	26	26
30	Metal Fabricating	7	7	9	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	91	90	102	113	108
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	736.4	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,145.1	1,393.0	1,601.6	1,626.4	1,535.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,642	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,509	6,778	6,558	6,582	6,590
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	122.5	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	291.1	308.0	325.6	324.1	352.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

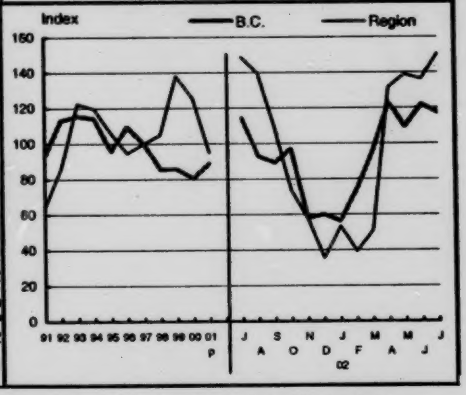


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	213.1	56.0	7.6	31.0	17.5	157.1	1,558
1995	188.9	66.8	13.6	20.8	29.2	122.1	1,222
1996	168.5	52.4	8.9	37.2	6.3	116.1	1,231
1997	178.3	59.8	8.9	29.6	21.4	118.4	1,073
1998	186.9	55.3	7.0	34.8	13.6	131.6	1,252
1999	246.0	97.9	18.0	63.2	16.6	148.1	1,311
2000	223.6	89.9	27.7	44.2	18.0	133.7	1,052
2001	169.2	61.8	8.8	18.2	34.7	107.4	760
YTD Jul '01	107.6	44.6	5.2	9.0	30.4	63.0	442
YTD Jul '02	104.1	17.7	2.7	11.9	3.1	86.4	541

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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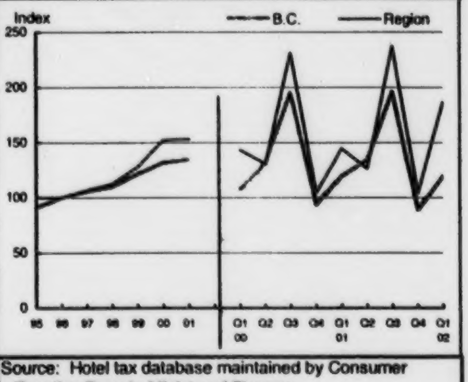
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay Dev. Region	1998	47,223.1	10,504.0	10,765.2	18,501.9	7,452.0
	1999	53,603.2	12,340.3	11,832.5	20,830.8	8,599.6
	2000	63,796.5	15,005.6	13,705.9	24,165.5	10,919.5
	2001	64,157.8	15,159.1	13,255.7	24,832.8	10,910.2
	2002	19,479.3	19,479.3			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Kootenay 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	64,156.5	100.0%
Hotels	25,525.1	39.8%
Motels	19,823.0	30.9%
Vacation Rentals	9,446.9	14.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

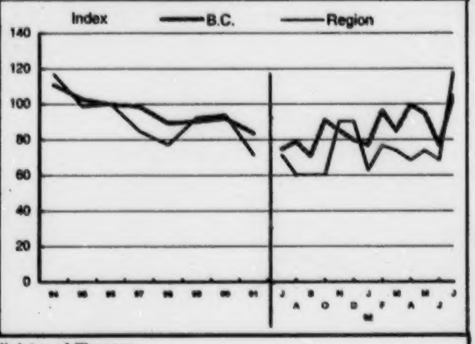


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	512
1995	432
1996	438
1997	372
1998	338
1999	405
2000	412
2001	313
Jan-Jul 01	181
Jan-Jul 02	198

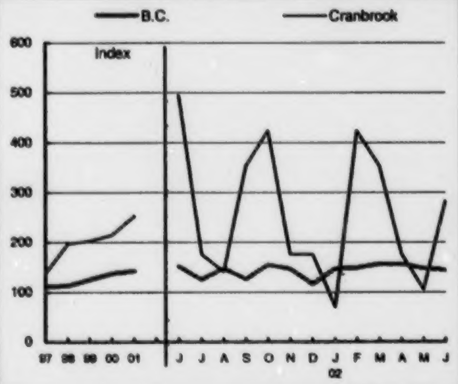
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



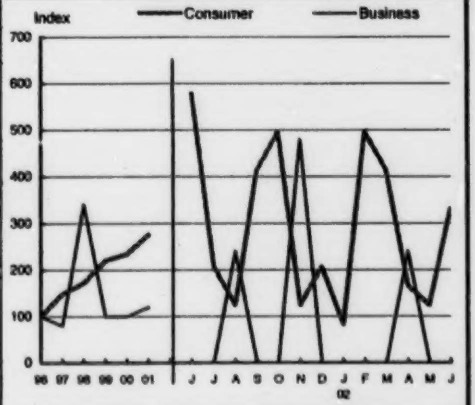
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	42	3	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	39	1	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot Female 19-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Sep '99	6.5	9.5	7.7	5.5	3.3
	Dec '99	6.2	8.8	7.7	5.3	3.0
	Mar '00	6.4	9.3	7.7	5.5	3.0
	Jun '00	6.4	9.4	7.3	5.4	3.2
	Sep '00	6.1	9.2	6.8	5.1	3.1
	Dec '00	5.8	8.5	7.2	4.9	2.8
	Mar '01	5.9	8.7	7.2	5.0	2.8
	Jun '01	5.9	8.8	6.9	4.9	2.9
	Sep '01	5.6	8.5	6.2	4.6	2.8
	Dec '01	5.4	7.9	6.2	4.6	2.6

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

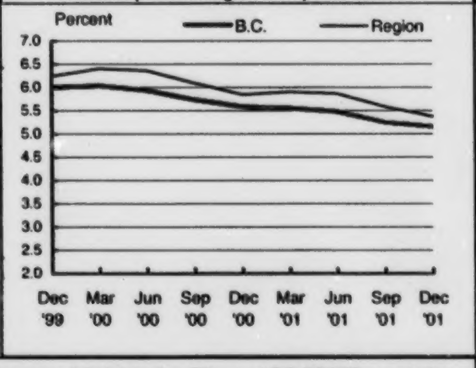
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.1	3.3	3.5	1.3	Sep '99
4.1	5.4	4.4	1.8	Dec '99
4.6	5.5	5.0	1.9	Mar '00
2.9	3.0	3.3	1.3	Jun '00
2.4	2.6	2.7	1.0	Sep '00
4.1	4.8	4.5	1.8	Dec '00
4.8	5.3	5.3	2.4	Mar '01
3.2	3.2	3.6	1.5	Jun '01
2.8	2.7	3.2	1.2	Sep '01

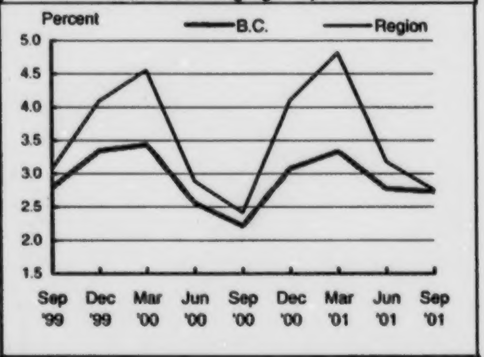
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,307	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.9	41.4
1-2 Years	18.0	17.5
>2 Years	35.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

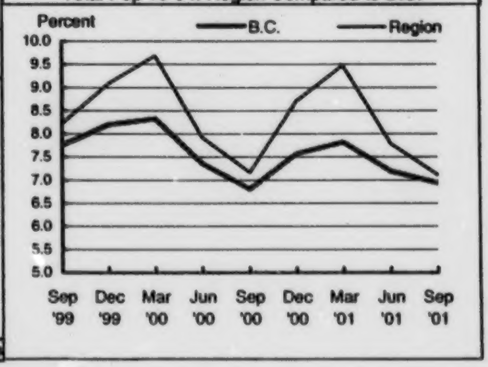
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Sep '99	8.2	10.7	8.8	3.9
	Dec '99	9.1	12.7	9.5	4.5
	Mar '00	9.7	13.0	10.3	4.5
	Jun '00	7.9	10.0	8.5	3.9
	Sep '00	7.2	9.2	7.6	3.7
	Dec '00	8.7	11.6	9.2	4.4
	Mar '01	9.5	12.2	10.1	4.9
	Jun '01	7.8	9.9	8.4	4.0
	Sep '01	7.1	8.7	7.7	3.7

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Kootenay
Development Region

13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated jobs in the resource sectors is likely the reason for a gender ratio weighted in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. Cutbacks in the mining sector and the mobility of construction workers have resulted in an age structure that is somewhat different than the provincial average. Those workers who move are more likely to be young and single, leaving behind more mature couples with families. As a result, the median age is higher than the provincial median as is the elderly dependency ratio.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., excess of births over deaths) for this region will likely become negative within the next few years, but a tendency towards positive net migration should result in overall population growth until nearly the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

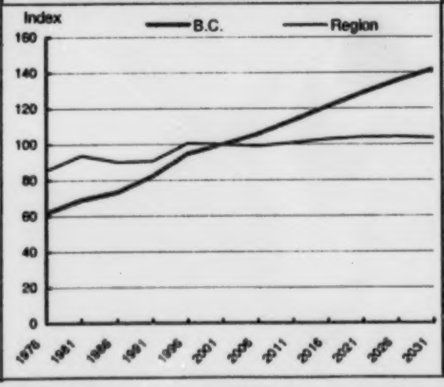
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	10.0	32.0	16.6	33.8	26.3	11.7	130.3	42.6	0.547	0.152	0.699	1976
1981	10.9	30.5	18.0	42.2	26.6	14.5	142.7	50.5	0.476	0.166	0.643	1981
1986	10.2	27.6	13.1	42.6	27.0	16.7	137.2	52.1	0.457	0.202	0.659	1986
1991	9.1	26.8	11.7	43.2	28.7	18.7	138.1	53.6	0.429	0.223	0.653	1991
1996	8.9	29.2	12.7	45.5	35.9	20.9	153.1	60.8	0.404	0.222	0.627	1996
2001	6.6	26.5	15.2	40.4	41.4	22.0	152.2	62.3	0.342	0.227	0.569	2001
2006	6.1	22.2	14.6	36.8	46.4	24.5	150.6	67.3	0.290	0.251	0.541	2006
2011	6.4	19.3	13.4	37.6	49.7	27.3	153.5	73.0	0.255	0.271	0.525	2011
2016	6.5	18.1	11.8	39.6	48.0	32.4	156.5	77.9	0.248	0.326	0.574	2016
2021	6.2	18.4	9.7	41.4	44.3	38.1	158.2	80.0	0.257	0.399	0.656	2021
2026	5.6	18.4	9.4	39.1	42.6	43.4	158.5	81.4	0.263	0.476	0.739	2026
2031	5.1	17.6	9.9	35.2	43.6	46.2	157.4	82.9	0.255	0.522	0.777	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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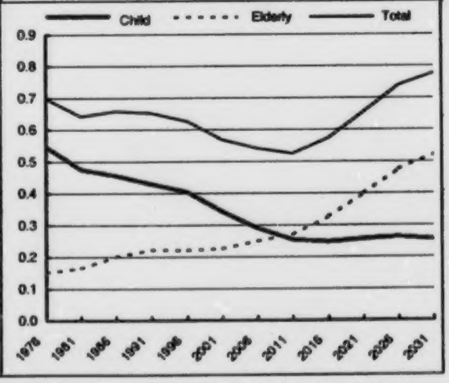


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Cariboo
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Cariboo, Fraser-Fort George

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, agriculture and mining also play important roles in the economy. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy. The agriculture sector is comprised primarily of cattle ranching and mixed farming activities. The only remaining mine closed 2001, but the potential exists for new ones to come on line within the next couple of years. Several mines have closed in the last couple of years due to low metal prices.

Developments in the forest sector will likely drive growth in this region in the future. The region is home to a large number of pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to the region is sustained if it is to maintain its job base in the forest sector. There have been some mill closures over the last year that have had significant employment impacts.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	6,007	6,192	481	218	48	6,939	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,133	1,026	66	24	2	1,118	16.1%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	19	12	2	0	0	14	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	6	8	1	0	0	9	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	970	767	45	25	0	837	12.1%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	193	224	31	31	24	310	4.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	202	213	33	7	0	253	3.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	416	655	51	34	4	744	10.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	593	561	18	11	2	592	8.5%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	41	38	6	4	0	48	0.7%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	171	130	19	6	0	155	2.2%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	651	217	11	2	1	231	3.3%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	436	473	19	5	0	497	7.2%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	235	80	11	2	0	93	1.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	186	219	12	9	1	241	3.5%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	21	41	3	0	5	49	0.7%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	46	437	47	12	5	501	7.2%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	58	108	5	3	1	117	1.7%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	227	368	74	36	1	479	6.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	403	581	20	2	0	603	8.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	34	7	5	2	48	0.7%	0.5%	804

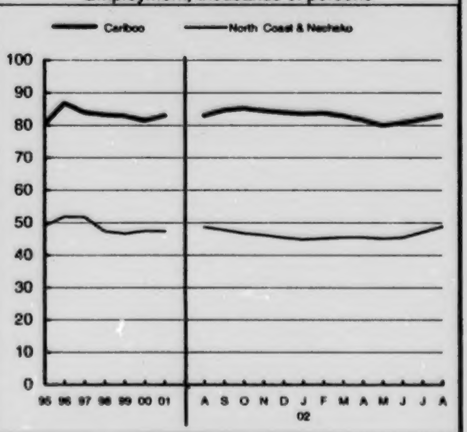
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Cariboo
Development Region

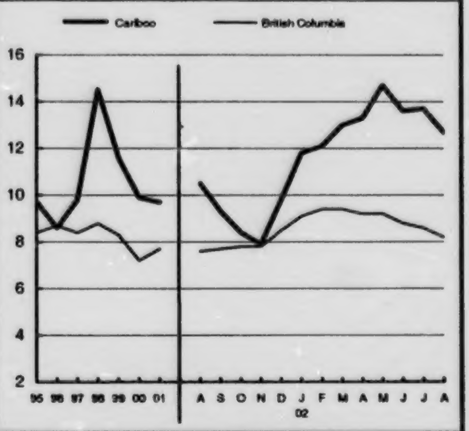
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	83.0	9.7	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	81.5	10.9	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	81.8	10.8	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	83.1	9.2	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	82.9	10.0	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	82.1	9.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	80.4	10.5	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	80.7	9.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	83.0	10.5	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	84.6	9.3	47.8	10.2	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	85.2	8.4	46.8	11.0	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	84.5	7.9	46.2	11.3	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	84.0	9.8	45.4	12.2	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	83.5	11.8	44.9	13.5	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	83.7	12.1	45.2	13.6	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	82.9	13.0	45.5	14.6	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	81.7	13.3	45.5	15.8	1,920.8	9.2
	May	80.0	14.7	45.2	16.1	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	80.8	13.6	45.4	15.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	81.8	13.7	47.1	12.9	1,996.5	8.6
	Aug	83.0	12.7	48.8	10.9	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	82.4	10.1	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	82.0	13.5	46.6	13.6	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-0.4		-3.2		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



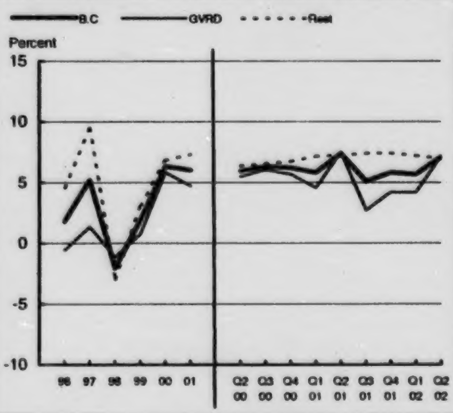
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

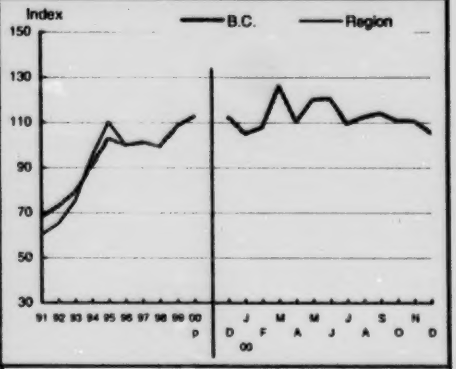


Cariboo
Development Region

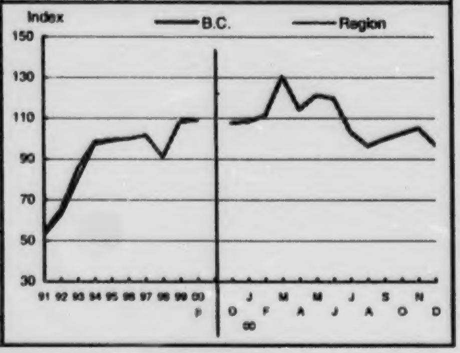
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	4	4	4	4
25	Wood	64	62	67	76	75
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	43	46	52	51
30	Metal Fabricating	24	23	23	26	27
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	158	151	162	187	182
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,012.4	2,435.1	2,474.6	2,507.4	2,542.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,155.5	2,112.5	2,164.5	2,224.6
30	Metal Fabricating	30.8	**	**	**	60.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,965.1	3,731.5	4,327.8	3,929.0	3,958.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	7,931	8,248	8,042	7,596	7,788
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	6,781	6,398	6,006	6,091
30	Metal Fabricating	274	**	**	**	519
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11,928	12,494	12,343	11,899	12,415
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	353.0	384.1	405.4	394.2	402.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	324.4	327.1	315.7	324.6
30	Metal Fabricating	9.9	**	**	**	20.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	542.2	604.2	639.3	632.1	652.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

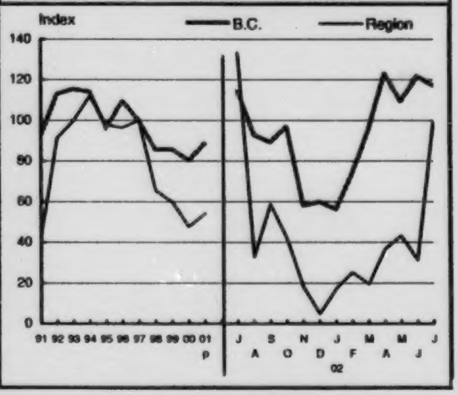


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	238.0	101.2	18.7	27.3	55.1	136.8	1,333
1995	207.9	87.4	27.3	39.7	20.5	120.5	1,113
1996	204.8	62.5	20.9	28.3	13.4	142.2	1,356
1997	212.7	95.1	8.1	65.3	21.7	117.6	1,068
1998	139.6	52.0	9.3	24.9	17.8	87.6	787
1999	127.2	62.5	12.1	17.5	32.8	64.8	485
2000	101.5	59.8	7.5	22.3	29.9	41.7	259
2001	115.2	81.2	4.0	21.3	55.9	34.1	183
YTD Jul '01	87.5	66.6	2.8	14.5	49.4	20.9	107
YTD Jul '02	48.3	24.5	5.7	12.9	5.9	23.8	139

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Cariboo
Development Region

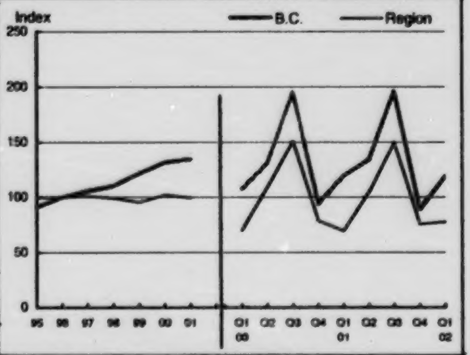
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Dev. Region	1998	42,381.2	7,813.1	11,682.3	15,333.0	7,552.9
	1999	40,788.2	7,169.2	10,906.7	14,898.2	7,814.0
	2000	43,546.0	7,462.7	11,648.4	16,033.3	8,401.6
	2001	42,524.3	7,411.8	11,148.2	15,885.2	8,079.1
	2002	8,270.8	8,270.8			
British Columbia	1998	1,208,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Cariboo 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	42,439.4	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,110.6	2.6%
Hotels	22,713.4	53.5%
1-75 Rooms	9,135.6	21.5%
Motels	15,368.9	36.2%
Vacation Rentals	1,169.2	2.8%
Miscellaneous	2,079.3	4.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

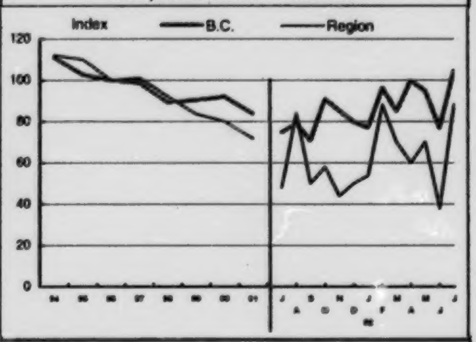


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	673
1995	660
1996	600
1997	607
1998	553
1999	502
2000	481
2001	431
Jan-Jul 01	288
Jan-Jul 02	234

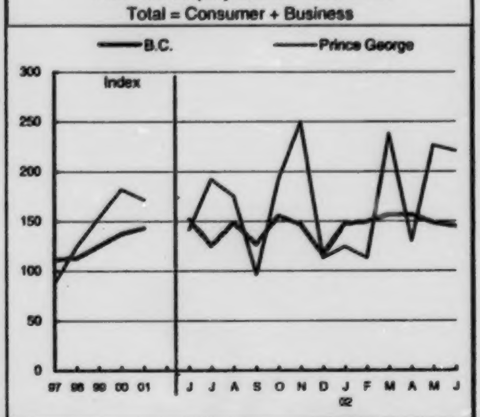
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



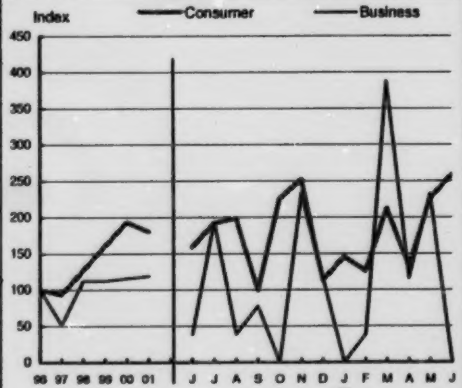
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George Consumer	Prince George Business	Williams Lake Consumer	Williams Lake Business	Quesnel Consumer	Quesnel Business
1997	170	16	71	18	51	13
1998	230	35	76	20	63	11
1999	291	35	122	12	69	8
2000	350	36	122	10	81	7
2001	327	37	121	17	85	7
Jan-Jun 01	164	20	61	7	46	2
Jan-Jun 02	166	20	73	10	44	1

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Sep '99	8.0	10.9	10.7	6.5	4.2
	Dec '99	7.9	10.4	11.0	6.5	4.0
	Mar '00	8.0	10.6	11.1	6.6	4.0
	Jun '00	8.2	10.9	11.5	6.7	4.1
	Sep '00	7.8	10.7	11.0	6.2	4.1
	Dec '00	7.5	10.0	10.6	6.1	3.9
	Mar '01	7.6	10.2	11.4	6.1	3.8
	Jun '01	7.8	10.7	11.3	6.3	4.0
	Sep '01	7.5	10.4	10.1	6.0	4.0
	Dec '01	7.2	9.8	10.0	5.9	3.6

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

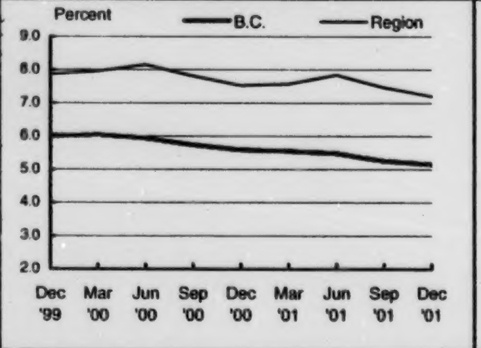
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	4.2	4.3	4.5	2.4	Sep '99
	4.3	4.8	4.5	2.5	Dec '99
	4.7	5.3	4.9	2.8	Mar '00
	4.1	3.8	4.4	2.8	Jun '00
	3.1	3.1	3.3	1.8	Sep '00
	4.0	4.4	4.1	2.4	Dec '00
	4.9	5.4	5.2	2.9	Mar '01
	4.3	4.3	4.6	2.7	Jun '01
	3.2	3.2	3.5	1.8	Sep '01

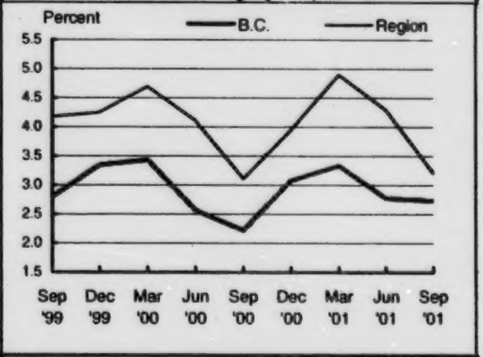
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	11,783	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	44.7	41.4
1-2 Years	17.9	17.5
>2 Years	37.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

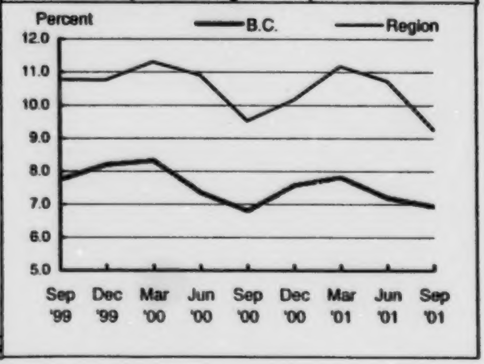
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Sep '99	10.8	14.7	10.8	6.4
	Dec '99	10.8	15.4	10.7	6.3
	Mar '00	11.3	16.0	11.3	6.6
	Jun '00	10.9	15.0	10.9	6.6
	Sep '00	9.5	13.8	9.4	5.6
	Dec '00	10.2	14.7	10.0	6.2
	Mar '01	11.2	16.3	11.1	6.4
	Jun '01	10.7	15.2	10.7	6.4
	Sep '01	9.3	13.0	9.3	5.4

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Cariboo
Development Region

13 Demographics

The reliance on the male-dominated employment of the forest sector is likely the explanation for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The median age of the population is lower than the provincial median and this is reflected in a higher proportion of children in the population and a lower proportion of elderly.

14 Projection

This region should continue to have out-migration for the next couple of years. A general trend towards recovery in the resource sector will likely led to increased in-migration. Natural increase is expected to become negative in the last decade of the projection period. Overall though, the population of the area should increase by over twenty thousand people during the next thirty years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

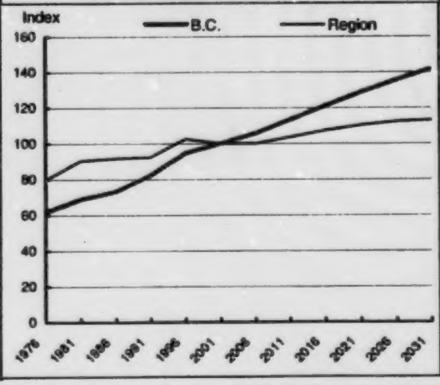
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	13.4	38.0	18.9	41.5	18.5	4.3	134.6	38.9	0.651	0.054	0.705	1976
1981	14.7	37.4	22.3	51.0	21.8	5.5	152.7	48.0	0.548	0.058	0.606	1981
1986	13.8	35.9	18.6	54.3	25.3	7.2	155.0	52.0	0.506	0.073	0.579	1986
1991	12.6	34.8	15.7	54.8	28.9	9.3	156.2	53.9	0.476	0.093	0.570	1991
1996	12.3	36.9	17.6	58.7	36.0	11.6	173.2	61.6	0.439	0.104	0.542	1996
2001	9.4	34.0	18.3	52.5	41.3	13.3	168.8	63.6	0.387	0.118	0.505	2001
2006	8.2	29.2	17.7	49.0	48.4	16.3	168.8	68.8	0.325	0.142	0.467	2006
2011	8.7	25.6	17.3	49.7	53.2	20.3	174.9	75.9	0.285	0.169	0.454	2011
2016	9.2	24.0	15.8	52.1	53.9	26.1	181.1	82.0	0.272	0.214	0.487	2016
2021	9.1	25.0	13.2	54.3	52.4	32.3	186.2	85.6	0.284	0.269	0.553	2021
2026	8.5	25.7	12.8	52.6	51.7	38.2	189.5	88.0	0.292	0.327	0.618	2026
2031	7.9	25.1	13.7	49.1	52.8	42.4	191.0	90.0	0.286	0.366	0.652	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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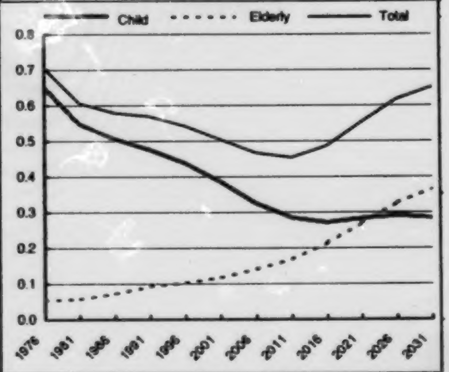


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

North Coast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Skeena-Queen Charlotte, Kitimat-Stikine

Forestry, mining, tourism and fishing are all important economic drivers in this region. There is currently only one major mine still operating in the region (Eskay Creek) as the Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999. However, there is potential for several other mineral projects. In addition, mineral processing at the Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat provides a significant amount of employment. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver area.

Major developments that will affect this region include the recent land claims settlement with the Nisga'a; the possibility of new mines opening in the near future; the possibility of further restrictions being imposed on the fishing industry in order to avoid depletion of salmon stocks; the possibility of a new aluminum smelter at Kitimat.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,715	2,173	148	75	20	2,416	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	382	318	17	6	0	341	14.1%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	2	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	5	1	1	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	245	233	7	5	0	245	10.1%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	37	78	11	8	5	102	4.2%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	50	84	5	2	0	91	3.8%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	128	273	17	17	0	307	12.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	194	169	10	4	3	186	7.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	12	24	3	0	1	28	1.2%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	49	34	5	1	0	40	1.7%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	157	67	4	1	0	72	3.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	120	146	6	2	0	154	6.4%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	54	22	0	0	1	23	1.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	85	103	2	2	0	107	4.4%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	7	19	1	1	5	26	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	13	167	17	10	3	197	8.2%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27	48	2	0	0	50	2.1%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	61	148	25	8	0	181	7.5%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	92	210	3	1	0	214	8.9%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	23	12	6	2	43	1.8%	0.5%	804

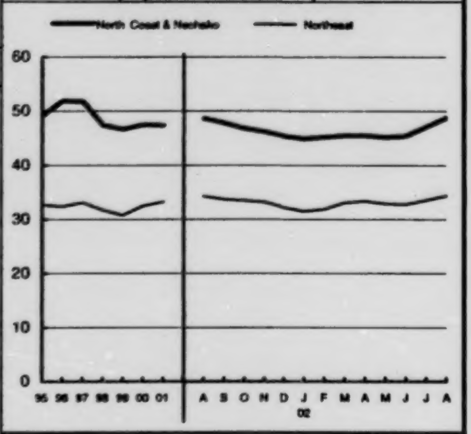
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

North Coast
Development Region

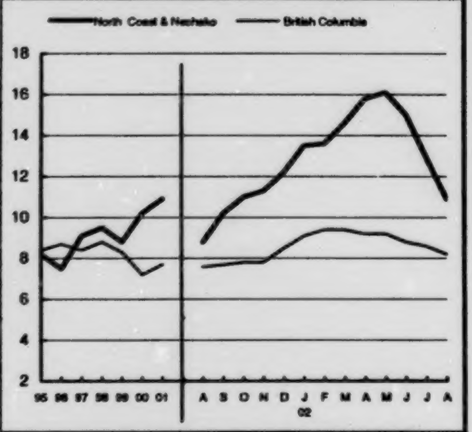
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	31.7	NA	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2001		47.4	10.9	33.2	5.9	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	32.4	4.7	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	32.3	NA	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	32.5	4.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	32.7	5.5	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	33.7	5.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	34.5	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	34.8	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	34.3	7.0	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	47.8	10.2	33.7	7.2	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	46.8	11.0	33.5	5.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	46.2	11.3	33.2	5.2	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	45.4	12.2	32.2	6.1	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	44.9	13.5	31.5	8.7	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	45.2	13.6	31.9	8.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	45.5	14.6	33.1	7.3	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	45.5	15.8	33.4	7.7	1,920.8	9.2
	May	45.2	16.1	32.9	10.1	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	45.4	15.0	32.8	11.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	47.1	12.9	33.6	10.6	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	48.8	10.9	34.4	9.2	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	33.6	5.7	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	46.6	13.6	33.4	9.2	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.2		-0.6		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



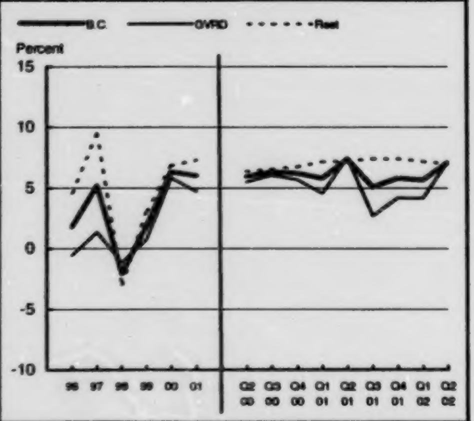
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
Quarterly data	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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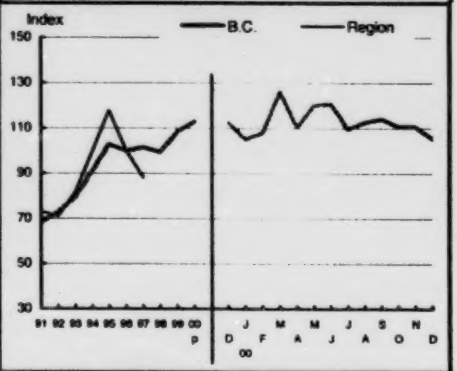
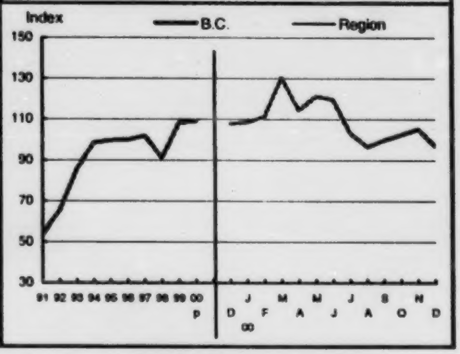
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	8	8	10	14	13
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	6	7	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	6	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	35	44	55	51
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	9.0	8.1	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,289.9	**	1,860.9	1,581.1	1,391.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	23	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	65	57	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,264	**	5,005	5,718	5,016
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.8	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	1.8	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	272.1	**	265.5	268.0	240.7

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

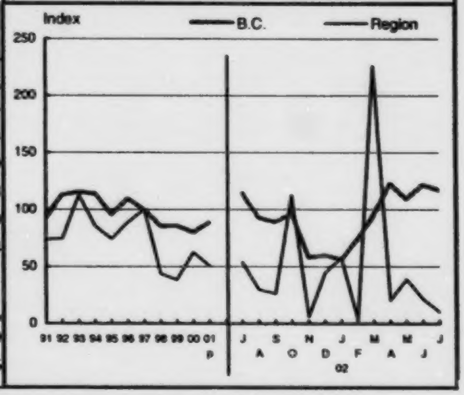


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	47.6	24.8	9.3	6.4	9.1	22.8	174
1995	41.4	16.2	3.9	10.2	2.1	25.2	174
1996	49.4	20.5	7.3	10.7	2.5	28.9	210
1997	55.6	32.9	18.9	12.3	1.7	22.7	148
1998	24.4	12.1	5.3	4.6	2.3	12.3	60
1999	21.5	12.2	3.9	4.7	3.6	9.2	44
2000	34.7	26.6	0.6	4.7	21.3	8.1	31
2001	28.1	23.4	3.0	6.5	13.9	4.7	11
YTD Jul '01	18.0	14.2	1.3	4.9	8.0	3.8	9
YTD Jul '02	17.6	15.3	0.3	4.5	10.5	2.2	5

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

North Coast
Development Region

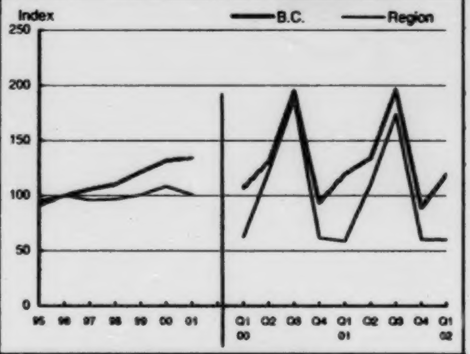
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Coast Dev. Region	1998	17,923.4	2,687.1	5,006.4	7,232.4	2,997.6
	1999	18,651.3	2,568.6	5,015.9	7,769.9	3,296.9
	2000	20,071.9	2,913.2	5,647.3	8,650.8	2,860.5
	2001	18,668.2	2,731.9	5,120.8	8,026.5	2,788.9
	2002	2,791.4	2,791.4			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

North Coast 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	18,652.0	100.0%
Hotels	10,066.0	54.0%
Motels	5,052.0	27.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

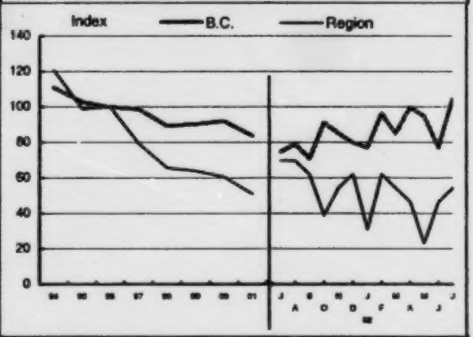


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	187
1995	153
1996	155
1997	123
1998	102
1999	99
2000	94
2001	79
Jan-Jul 01	42
Jan-Jul 02	41

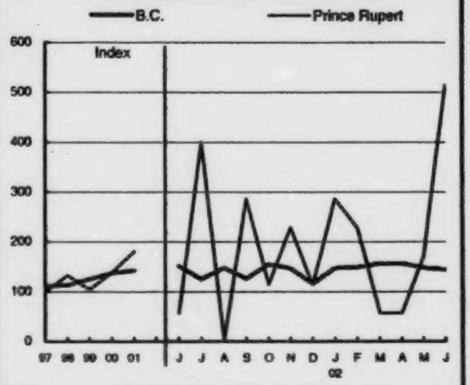
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



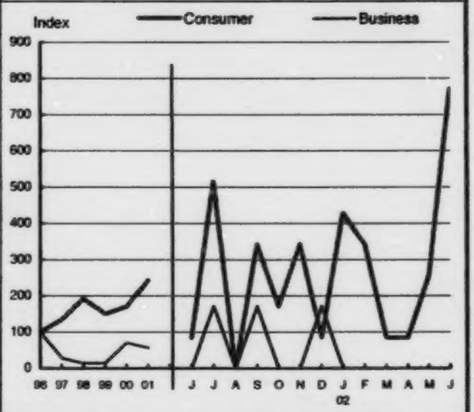
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert		Terrace		Kitimat	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	19	2	25	8	10	1
1998	27	1	24	5	6	1
1999	21	1	43	7	21	0
2000	24	5	38	4	27	0
2001	34	4	45	6	25	2
Jan-Jun 01	17	1	17	4	16	0
Jan-Jun 02	23	0	23	0	16	3

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Sep '99	8.4	11.0	12.3	6.7	3.9
	Dec '99	8.9	11.3	13.4	7.2	3.9
	Mar '00	8.9	11.4	13.6	7.2	3.8
	Jun '00	9.3	12.4	13.9	7.4	4.2
	Sep '00	8.4	11.5	12.4	6.5	4.0
	Dec '00	8.7	11.3	13.3	7.0	4.0
	Mar '01	8.8	11.4	13.2	7.1	3.8
	Jun '01	9.1	11.8	13.8	7.3	4.0
	Sep '01	8.0	10.7	12.3	6.1	3.8
	Dec '01	9.1	12.1	13.7	7.1	3.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

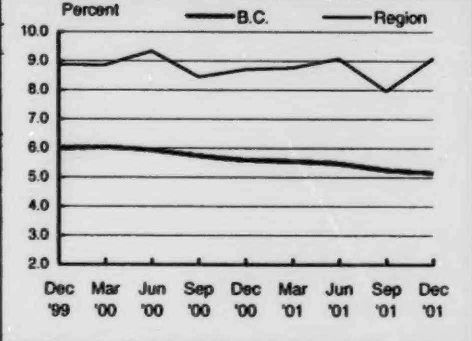
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.9	3.0	4.2	2.5	Sep '99
6.2	4.7	6.7	5.1	Dec '99
6.3	5.0	6.8	5.0	Mar '00
3.3	2.7	3.6	2.2	Jun '00
2.9	2.1	3.1	1.9	Sep '00
5.6	4.2	5.9	5.2	Dec '00
7.0	5.6	7.5	5.9	Mar '01
4.2	3.6	4.5	3.0	Jun '01
4.9	3.1	5.5	3.5	Sep '01

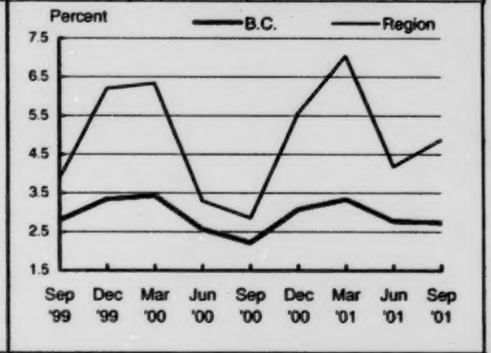
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	5,295	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	52.8	41.4
1-2 Years	16.5	17.5
>2 Years	30.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

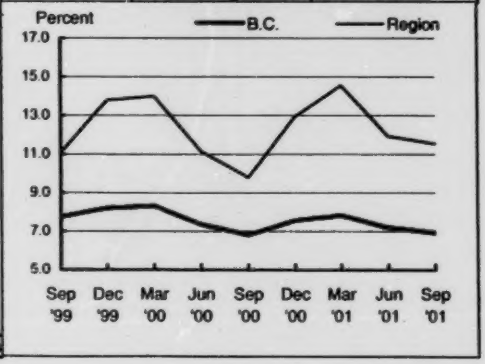
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Sep '99	11.1	15.3	10.9	7.2
	Dec '99	13.8	17.8	13.7	9.8
	Mar '00	14.0	18.3	14.0	9.3
	Jun '00	11.1	16.4	10.9	6.7
	Sep '00	9.8	14.4	9.5	6.5
	Dec '00	12.9	17.3	12.7	9.6
	Mar '01	14.5	18.6	14.5	10.3
	Jun '01	11.9	17.2	11.7	7.4
	Sep '01	11.5	15.1	11.5	8.0

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



North Coast

Development Region

13 Demographics

The median age of the population in this region is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately more children and less elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is substantially higher than the provincial rate, which partially contributes to the greater proportion of children. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated employment of the resource sectors, the gender ratio is biased in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men.

14 Projection

This region has tended to have more net migration outflows than inflows, but new economic opportunities that will be developing over the next couple of decades may reverse this trend towards net inflows through most of the projection period. With the youthful population, the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will remain relatively high, which will result in an overall tendency of population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

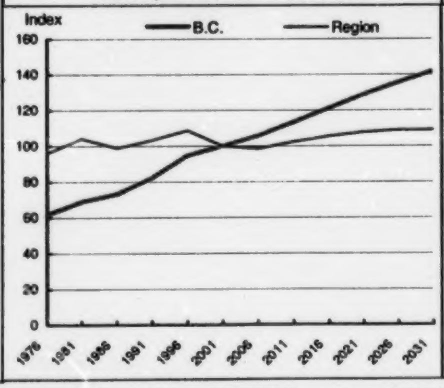
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons 0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	Households (,000)	Dependency Ratios Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	6.6	17.9	9.0	19.1	8.5	2.0	63.0	17.1	0.671	0.055	0.726	1976
1981	6.7	17.2	10.6	22.6	9.0	2.2	68.3	20.4	0.566	0.052	0.618	1981
1986	6.2	15.3	8.0	22.6	10.0	2.7	64.8	20.9	0.528	0.067	0.595	1986
1991	6.4	15.0	7.4	23.8	11.6	3.4	67.7	22.5	0.500	0.080	0.580	1991
1996	6.0	15.6	7.4	24.6	13.6	4.1	71.3	24.4	0.474	0.091	0.564	1996
2001	4.1	14.3	7.0	21.2	14.4	4.6	65.6	23.2	0.431	0.108	0.538	2001
2006	4.0	12.5	6.6	20.1	16.5	5.0	64.6	24.2	0.382	0.116	0.499	2006
2011	3.9	11.3	6.9	19.5	19.1	6.5	67.1	26.8	0.333	0.142	0.475	2011
2016	3.8	10.3	6.6	19.3	20.5	8.5	69.2	29.2	0.305	0.183	0.488	2016
2021	3.7	10.2	5.5	19.5	20.7	10.9	70.6	30.5	0.305	0.238	0.542	2021
2026	3.6	10.0	5.4	19.0	20.1	13.3	71.4	31.5	0.305	0.300	0.605	2026
2031	3.4	9.7	5.3	18.2	19.4	15.6	71.6	32.0	0.305	0.364	0.669	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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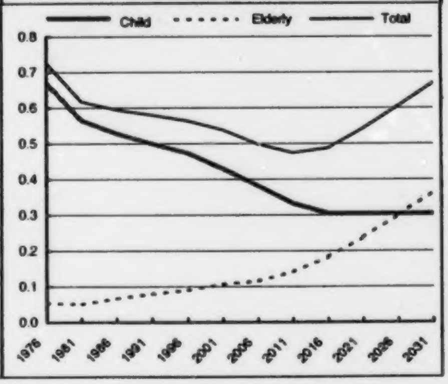


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Nechako
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Bulkley-Nechako, Stikine

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic drivers in this region. Several major mines in this region have shut down in recent years; however, there is a great deal of potential for other mineral deposits to be exploited and new mines may be constructed over the next few years. Endako employees over 200 people. The Huckleberry Copper mine opened in 1997 and has an expected 16 year life. The increase in the AAC for the Cassiar TSA in 1996 did not precipitate population increases. In 2002, the AAC was reduced by one quarter.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,809	1,945	128	48	14	2,135	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	498	459	28	9	0	496	23.2%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	14	14	1	1	1	17	0.8%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	242	225	9	4	0	238	11.1%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	61	67	8	8	7	90	4.2%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	40	57	4	0	0	61	2.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	127	202	22	6	0	230	10.8%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	180	163	2	3	2	170	8.0%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	22	0	0	0	22	1.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	39	21	2	1	0	24	1.1%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	144	52	0	0	0	52	2.4%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	109	131	4	1	0	136	6.4%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	60	20	1	1	0	22	1.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	54	55	1	0	0	56	2.6%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	5	19	1	1	3	24	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	88	10	4	1	103	4.8%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	24	44	3	1	0	48	2.2%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	88	125	22	5	0	152	7.1%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	103	157	4	1	0	162	7.6%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	21	5	2	0	28	1.3%	0.5%	804

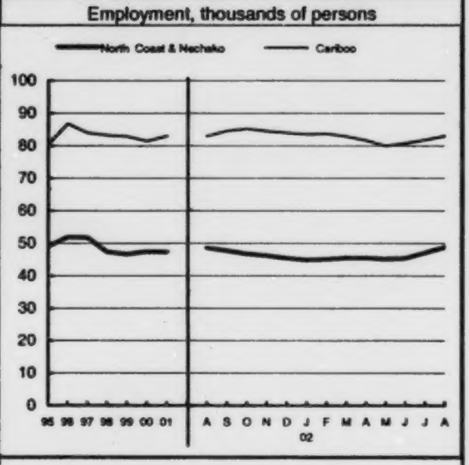
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Nechako
Development Region

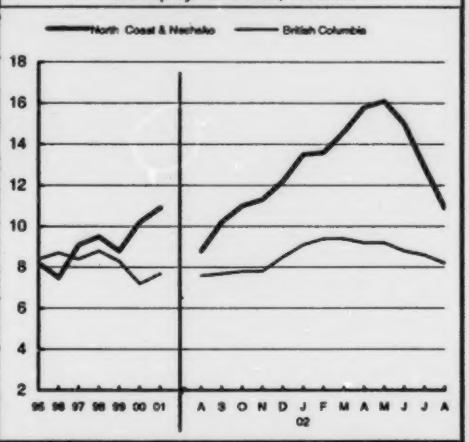
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		47.4	10.9	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	47.8	10.2	84.6	9.3	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	46.8	11.0	85.2	8.4	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	46.2	11.3	84.5	7.9	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	45.4	12.2	84.0	9.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	44.9	13.5	83.5	11.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	45.2	13.6	83.7	12.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	45.5	14.6	82.9	13.0	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	45.5	15.8	81.7	13.3	1,920.8	9.2
	May	45.2	16.1	80.0	14.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	45.4	15.0	80.8	13.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	47.1	12.9	81.8	13.7	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	48.8	10.9	83.0	12.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	46.6	13.6	82.0	13.5	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.2		-0.4		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



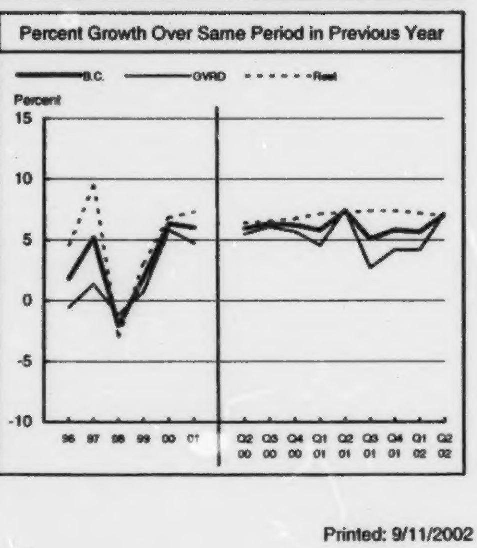
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



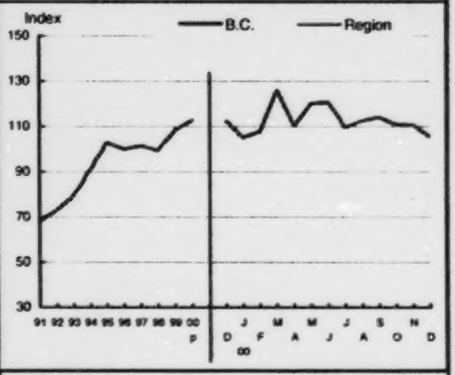
Nechako

Development Region

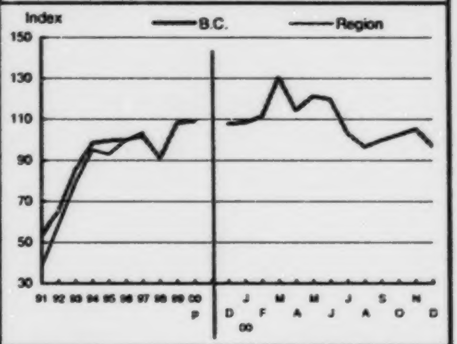
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	3	3	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35	37	40	43	41
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.5
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	39
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	128.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

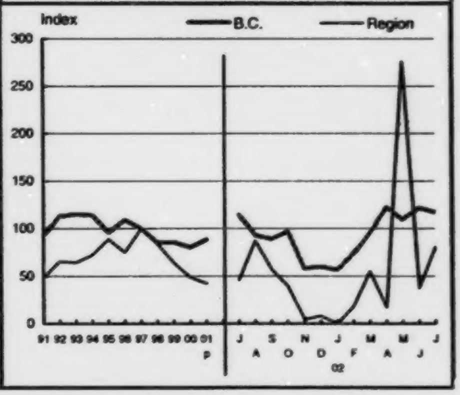


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	29.8	8.2	1.1	5.2	1.9	21.6	196
1995	36.8	15.2	2.6	6.3	6.4	21.6	212
1996	31.0	7.5	1.1	5.3	1.0	23.6	241
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	8.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	6.5	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.4	13.9	1.8	8.5	3.6	12.5	108
2000	20.1	10.2	1.9	5.4	3.0	9.8	75
2001	17.6	10.4	0.9	5.3	4.2	7.2	63
YTD Jul '01	10.8	6.3	0.3	2.5	3.4	4.5	39
YTD Jul '02	16.7	13.1	1.8	1.8	9.5	3.6	25

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Nechako
Development Region

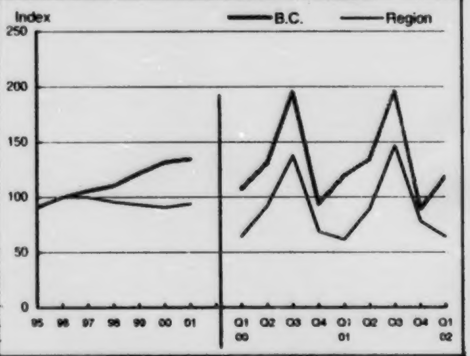
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nechako Dev. Region	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,744.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,407.0	1,817.7
	2002	1,489.8	1,489.8			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Nechako 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,744.0	100.0%
Motels	4,661.2	53.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

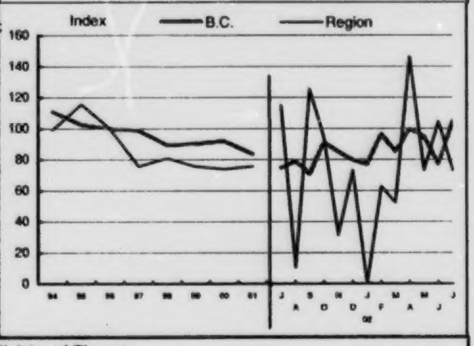


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	114
1995	133
1996	115
1997	87
1998	93
1999	87
2000	85
2001	87
Jan-Jul 01	55
Jan-Jul 02	49

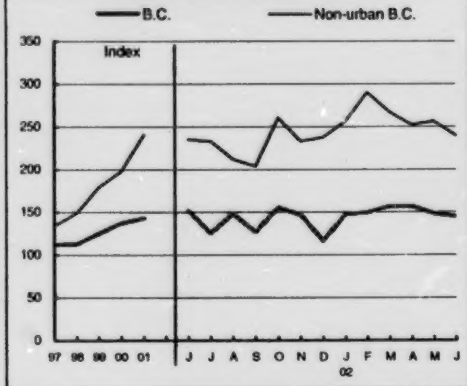
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



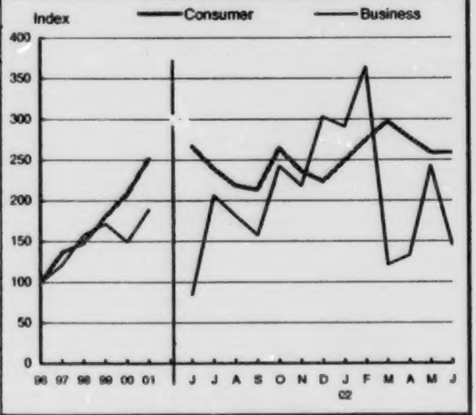
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
2001	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Sep '99	5.6	7.1	8.2	4.4	3.0
	Dec '99	5.3	6.5	8.0	4.3	2.8
	Mar '00	5.4	6.8	7.9	4.3	2.8
	Jun '00	5.5	6.9	8.0	4.5	2.9
	Sep '00	5.2	6.6	7.4	4.3	2.9
	Dec '00	5.4	6.6	8.5	4.5	2.8
	Mar '01	5.4	6.8	8.7	4.3	2.7
	Jun '01	5.4	6.7	8.7	4.4	2.7
	Sep '01	5.2	6.7	7.8	4.1	2.7
	Dec '01	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.4	2.6

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

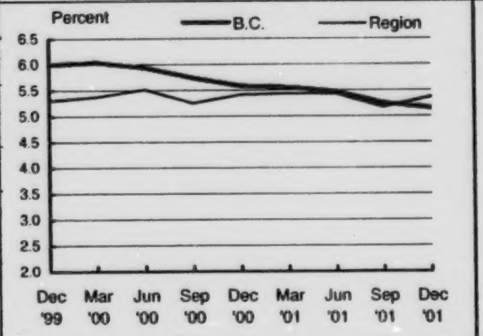
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.3	4.3	4.6	2.1	Sep '99
3.8	3.9	4.0	2.4	Dec '99
4.1	4.6	4.3	2.5	Mar '00
4.7	4.8	5.0	2.8	Jun '00
3.0	3.0	3.3	1.7	Sep '00
3.7	3.9	3.9	2.6	Dec '00
4.4	4.8	4.6	3.0	Mar '01
5.2	4.6	5.6	3.6	Jun '01
3.1	3.1	3.4	2.1	Sep '01

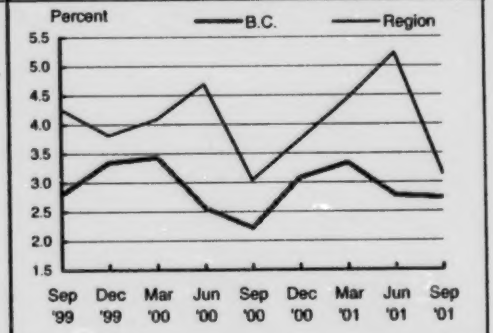
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,145	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	51.9	41.4
1-2 Years	20.5	17.5
>2 Years	27.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

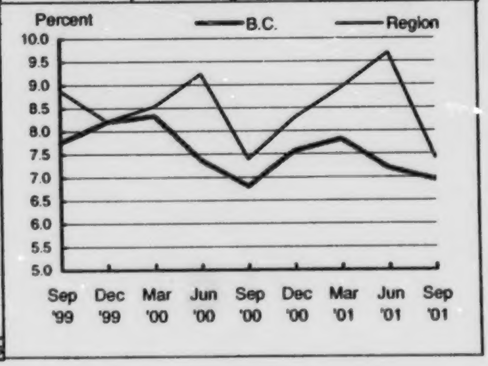
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Sep '99	8.9	12.1	8.8	5.6
	Dec '99	8.2	11.3	8.0	5.8
	Mar '00	8.5	12.1	8.4	5.7
	Jun '00	9.2	12.2	9.2	5.8
	Sep '00	7.4	10.2	7.4	4.6
	Dec '00	8.3	12.0	8.0	5.6
	Mar '01	8.9	12.9	8.7	5.9
	Jun '01	9.7	12.8	9.7	6.4
	Sep '01	7.4	10.6	7.3	4.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Nechako
Development Region

13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is substantially lower than the provincial median and the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also substantially higher in this region compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is one of the reasons for the youthful population, since it is also much higher than the provincial rate. The remoteness of a large portion of the region is likely another reason, since the elderly tend not to live in areas that are distant from medical facilities and other services. The gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economic activities in the region.

14 Projection

A large portion of this region is very sparsely populated. Net migration to the area has been negative in recent years and this trend should continue for the next few years. The region should experience small net inflows with the recoveries expected in the resource sector in the latter half of this decade. Combined with a positive natural increase (i.e. the excess of births over deaths), the population should grow modestly over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

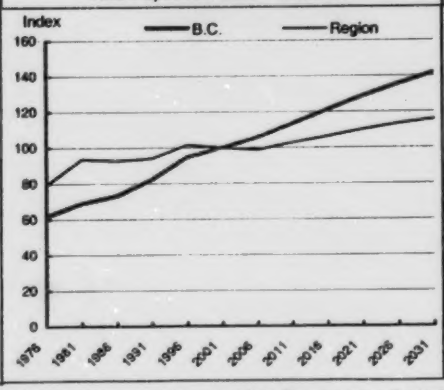
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	3.7	10.4	4.8	9.9	4.9	1.3	35.0	9.7	0.723	0.067	0.790	1976
1981	4.5	10.6	6.2	13.0	5.5	1.6	41.4	12.5	0.613	0.066	0.678	1981
1986	4.2	10.1	4.7	13.8	6.1	2.0	41.0	13.1	0.583	0.080	0.662	1986
1991	3.8	10.1	4.2	14.3	6.9	2.4	41.6	13.8	0.547	0.094	0.641	1991
1996	3.8	10.2	4.6	14.9	8.4	3.0	44.8	15.4	0.499	0.109	0.608	1996
2001	3.0	9.4	4.9	13.7	9.9	3.3	44.2	15.6	0.438	0.117	0.555	2001
2006	2.9	8.5	4.4	12.6	11.3	3.8	43.6	16.3	0.403	0.136	0.539	2006
2011	2.9	7.9	4.2	12.7	12.9	4.7	45.4	17.9	0.362	0.158	0.520	2011
2016	2.8	7.7	4.1	12.7	13.6	6.0	46.9	19.2	0.347	0.196	0.543	2016
2021	2.7	7.8	3.9	12.9	13.6	7.6	48.6	20.2	0.344	0.251	0.595	2021
2026	2.7	7.6	4.1	12.7	13.6	9.4	50.1	21.2	0.338	0.309	0.647	2026
2031	2.6	7.4	4.1	12.5	13.6	10.9	51.2	22.1	0.331	0.360	0.691	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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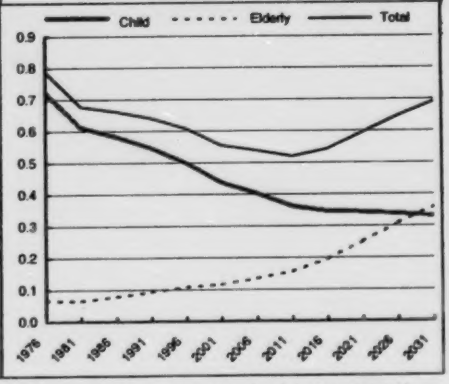


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Northeast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Peace River, Northern Rockies

The economy of this region is fairly diversified, with coal mining, oil and gas exploration, forestry, tourism and agriculture all having significant impacts on the economy. The North-eastern region of the province is a significant producer of oil and gas, and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a large number of people. Two new coal mines are scheduled to open in the next few yews.

Quintette coal mine closed in August, 2000 and the same fate will likely be repeated for the Bullmoose coal mine in 2003. There have already been some population impacts from the layoffs and more are certain to follow. Also, the building of an OSB mill has been put on hold. On the positive side, two new coal mines are expected to open in 2004-2005..

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Northeast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,123	2,834	265	106	12	3,217	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	770	313	12	0	0	325	10.1%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	173	219	19	8	1	247	7.7%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	8	0	0	0	8	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	434	348	37	25	1	411	12.8%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	73	73	5	8	2	88	2.7%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	79	118	17	3	1	139	4.3%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	148	274	28	14	0	316	9.8%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	354	295	15	9	1	320	9.9%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	9	32	2	1	0	35	1.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	63	31	12	0	0	43	1.3%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	217	84	11	4	0	99	3.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	204	204	9	2	0	215	6.7%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	68	28	1	0	0	29	0.9%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	109	136	5	0	0	141	4.4%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	12	19	1	0	4	24	0.7%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	21	146	18	9	2	175	5.4%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	28	46	3	0	0	49	1.5%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	88	139	52	17	0	208	6.5%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	273	316	12	1	0	329	10.2%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	5	6	5	0	16	0.5%	0.5%	804

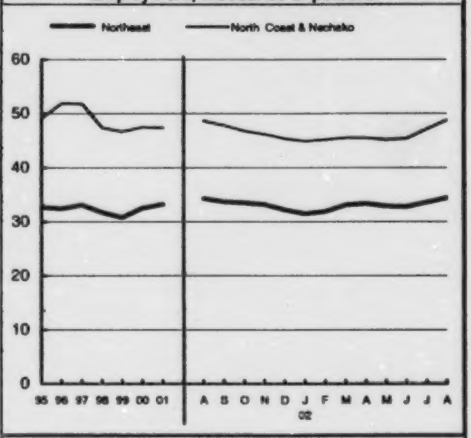
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Northeast
Development Region

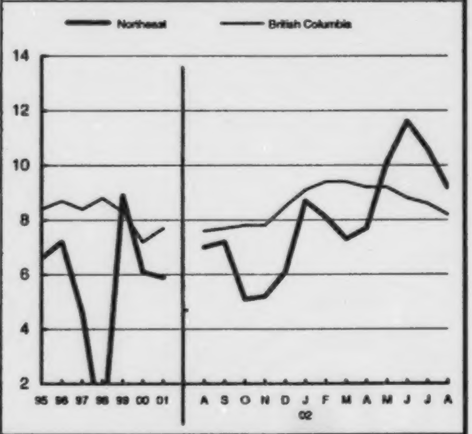
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996		32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998		31.7	NA	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2001		33.2	5.9	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	32.4	4.7	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	32.3	NA	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	32.5	4.4	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	32.7	5.5	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	33.7	5.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	34.5	5.7	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	34.8	6.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	34.3	7.0	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	33.7	7.2	47.8	10.2	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	33.5	5.1	46.8	11.0	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	33.2	5.2	46.2	11.3	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	32.2	6.1	45.4	12.2	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	31.5	8.7	44.9	13.5	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	31.9	8.1	45.2	13.6	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	33.1	7.3	45.5	14.6	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	33.4	7.7	45.5	15.8	1,920.8	9.2
	May	32.9	10.1	45.2	16.1	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	32.8	11.6	45.4	15.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	33.6	10.6	47.1	12.9	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	34.4	9.2	48.8	10.9	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	33.6	5.7	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	33.4	9.2	46.6	13.6	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-0.6		-3.2		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



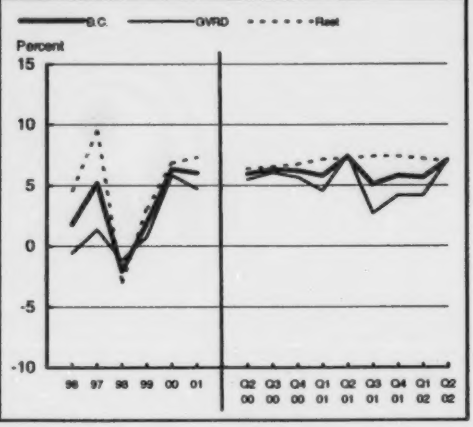
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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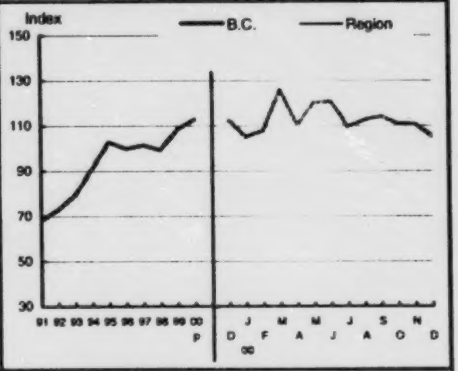
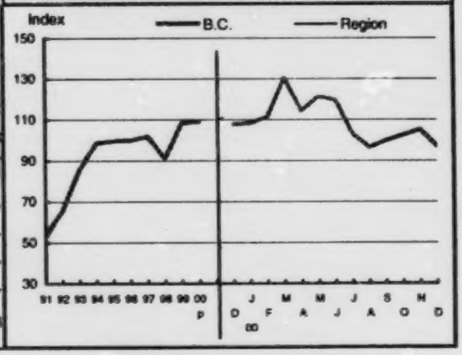
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	11	10	10	10	11
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	7	6	7	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	9	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	39	38	40	41	40
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	624.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	2,213
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

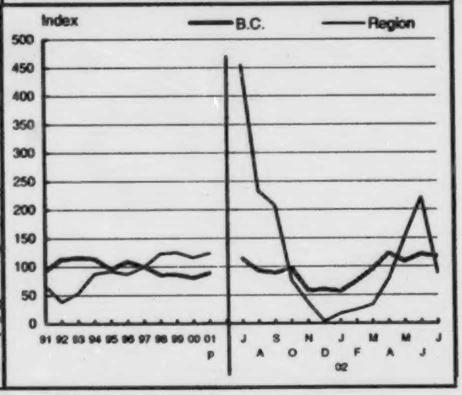


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	41.8	20.6	2.1	8.0	10.5	21.2	169
1995	44.1	20.4	2.5	11.7	6.1	23.7	182
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	17.0	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.7	20.4	0.3	19.3	0.8	27.3	233
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	22.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.8	31.0	5.0	22.6	3.4	28.8	329
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	20.7	3.5	27.8	241
2001	59.1	34.2	1.7	16.1	16.4	24.8	223
YTD Jul '01	36.9	27.3	0.9	11.3	15.1	9.7	57
YTD Jul '02	24.4	11.8	1.5	9.1	1.3	12.5	81

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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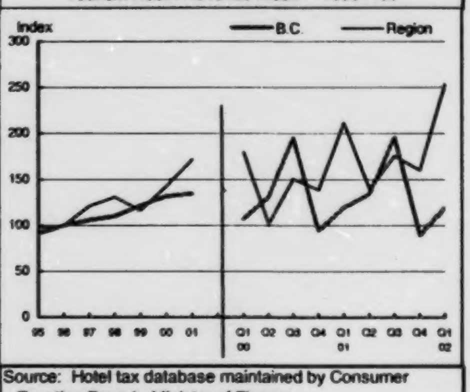
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northeast Dev. Region	1998	27,183.4	9,050.3	5,579.5	7,449.8	5,103.8
	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	13,153.3	13,153.3			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Northeast 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	35,652.9	100.0%
Hotels	16,918.8	47.5%
Motels	9,270.3	26.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

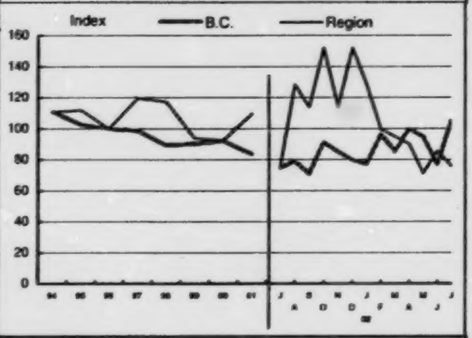


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	280
1995	283
1996	253
1997	302
1998	297
1999	237
2000	234
2001	277
Jan-Jul 01	138
Jan-Jul 02	136

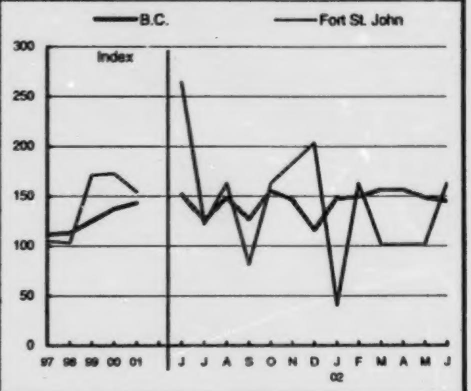
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



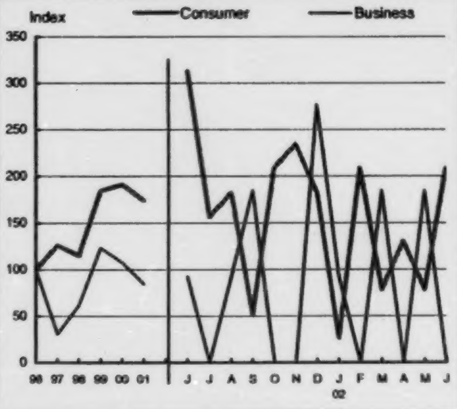
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John		Dawson Creek		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	58	4	16	4	7,366	895
1998	53	8	16	4	7,327	1,031
1999	85	16	21	3	8,179	1,075
2000	88	14	30	3	9,181	976
2001	80	11	31	7	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	41	5	16	2	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	28	5	18	3	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Northeast
Development Region

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

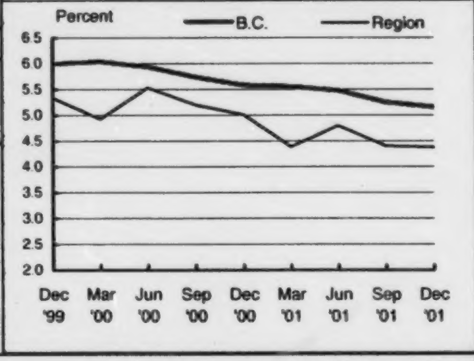
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
Northeast Dev. Region	Sep '99	5.5	7.1	7.3	4.3	3.2	4.7	5.7	4.7	2.8	Sep '99
	Dec '99	5.3	6.6	7.0	4.4	3.0	3.7	4.7	3.7	2.1	Dec '99
	Mar '00	4.9	6.6	6.6	3.7	2.9	3.2	4.2	3.2	2.2	Mar '00
	Jun '00	5.5	7.0	7.7	4.4	3.2	4.1	5.0	4.2	2.6	Jun '00
	Sep '00	5.2	7.0	6.8	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.5	2.1	Sep '00
	Dec '00	5.0	6.3	7.0	4.0	2.9	3.2	3.7	3.2	2.4	Dec '00
	Mar '01	4.4	5.6	6.0	3.5	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.4	2.9	Mar '01
	Jun '01	4.8	6.0	6.5	4.0	2.7	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.4	Jun '01
	Sep '01	4.4	5.7	5.7	3.5	2.7	3.4	3.5	3.5	2.8	Sep '01
	Dec '01	4.4	5.4	6.1	3.6	2.5					

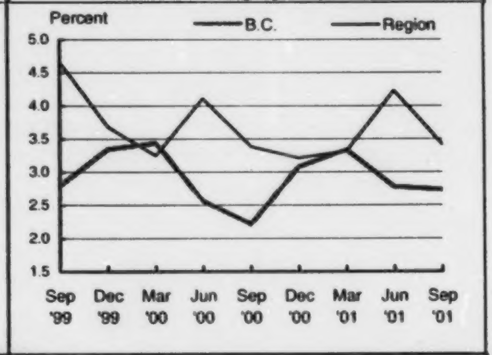
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,689	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	62.5	41.4
1-2 Years	15.4	17.5
>2 Years	22.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

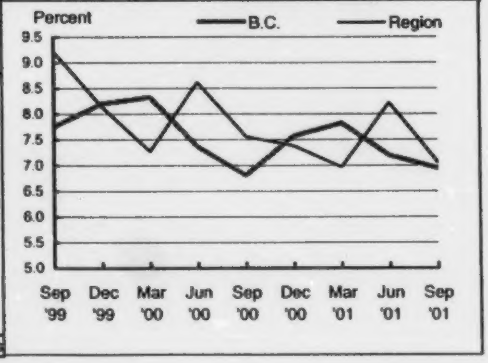
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Sep '99	9.2	12.8	8.9	6.6
	Dec '99	8.1	11.5	7.9	5.8
	Mar '00	7.3	10.8	6.8	5.7
	Jun '00	8.6	12.3	8.3	6.3
	Sep '00	7.6	10.4	7.3	5.5
	Dec '00	7.4	10.5	7.1	5.6
	Mar '01	7.0	9.2	6.7	6.0
	Jun '01	8.2	10.6	8.0	6.5
	Sep '01	7.1	9.0	6.9	5.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Northeast
Development Region

13 Demographics

The remoteness of the area is probably the reason for a median age that is substantially lower than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is also much higher than the provincial rate, which also contributes to a younger age structure. The ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is much higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated resource industries, the gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

14 Projection

The developments in the mining, oil and gas sector should lead to population inflows for this region. There is a lot of growth potential due to the abundance of natural resources located in the area and this should translate into strong population growth over the long-term. However, there will be some outflows in the short-term due to the layoffs in forestry and mines.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

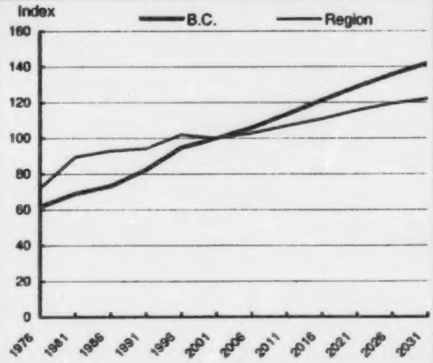
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.5	13.9	6.2	12.8	6.6	2.1	46.0	12.9	0.719	0.081	0.799	1976
1981	5.7	14.0	9.6	17.7	7.8	2.4	57.1	17.8	0.560	0.069	0.628	1981
1986	6.0	13.5	7.6	20.4	8.9	2.8	59.2	20.1	0.528	0.077	0.605	1986
1991	5.6	13.4	6.5	21.3	9.8	3.5	60.0	20.8	0.507	0.093	0.600	1991
1996	5.6	14.3	6.7	22.9	11.4	4.0	65.0	22.6	0.486	0.097	0.583	1996
2001	4.5	14.0	6.8	21.3	12.6	4.5	63.7	22.1	0.456	0.111	0.567	2001
2006	4.0	13.3	6.7	20.5	15.7	5.2	65.5	24.1	0.404	0.122	0.526	2006
2011	4.0	12.0	7.0	19.9	18.8	6.4	68.2	26.5	0.350	0.141	0.491	2011
2016	4.1	10.8	7.2	19.7	20.7	8.1	70.6	29.3	0.312	0.171	0.483	2016
2021	4.2	10.8	6.2	21.1	21.0	10.4	73.7	31.4	0.312	0.216	0.527	2021
2026	4.1	11.1	5.8	21.4	20.5	13.1	76.0	32.8	0.319	0.276	0.595	2026
2031	3.9	11.2	5.9	21.1	20.0	15.7	77.7	34.0	0.322	0.334	0.656	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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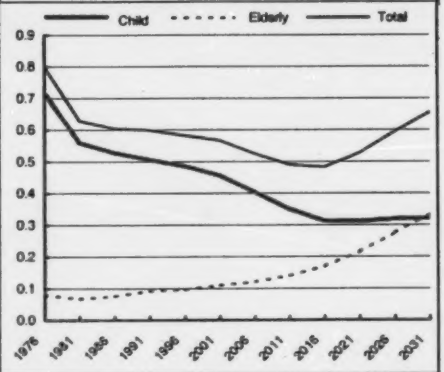


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet

Forestry is the primary economic activity in this region, and as a result, the area is vulnerable to fluctuations in this sector. Fishing is another important resource-based industry in the region. The resource-based sectors have been experiencing supply problems in recent years, which has precipitated a push for growth in the tourism sector.

Reductions to the Allowable Annual Cut have reduced employment in harvesting and there have also been cutbacks at local mills. In the fishing industry, low levels of fish stocks have lead to restrictions on the size of the catch and the length of the fishing season, which could seriously affect the industry. On the positive side, projects in the tourism sector like the Reef Point resort at Ucluelet should help mitigate some of the effects of the downturn in the resource sectors.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Alberni-Clayoquot							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	780	1,035	80	35	6	1,156	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	93	86	6	5	1	98	8.5%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	127	103	4	0	0	107	9.3%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	28	36	6	4	3	49	4.2%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	20	29	2	1	0	32	2.8%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	82	157	10	4	0	171	14.8%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	66	68	1	1	0	70	6.1%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	7	7	1	0	0	8	0.7%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	22	22	1	0	0	23	2.0%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	77	38	1	0	0	39	3.4%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	52	66	0	0	0	66	5.7%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	38	14	1	0	0	15	1.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	33	42	5	1	0	48	4.2%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	5	11	1	0	1	13	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	8	109	4	6	1	120	10.4%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15	25	2	2	0	29	2.5%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	53	102	27	9	0	138	11.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	52	107	2	0	0	109	9.4%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	12	6	2	0	20	1.7%	0.5%	804

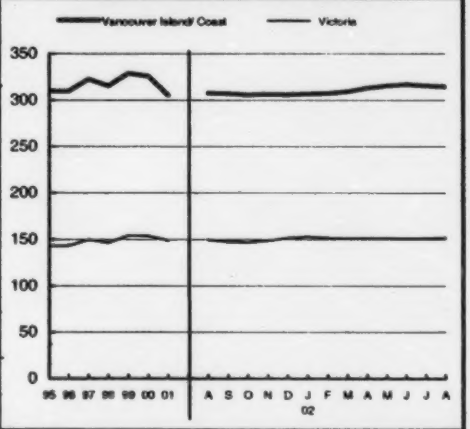
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

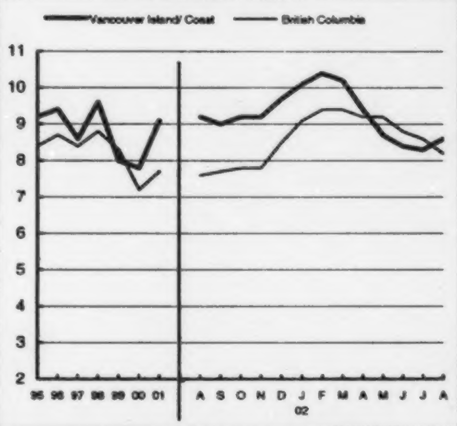
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001		305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	307.2	9.0	147.5	6.5	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	305.8	9.2	146.8	6.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	306.6	9.2	148.6	5.7	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	306.3	9.7	151.9	5.9	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	306.9	10.1	153.2	6.4	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	307.5	10.4	151.7	7.4	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	309.3	10.2	151.2	7.9	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	313.0	9.4	151.1	7.6	1,920.8	9.2
	May	315.5	8.7	151.6	6.9	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	317.1	8.4	150.8	6.9	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	315.7	8.3	151.2	7.0	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	314.5	8.6	151.8	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	313.1	9.2	151.5	7.3	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	2.8		2.1		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



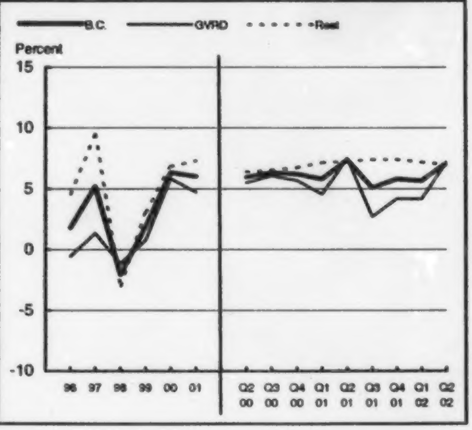
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

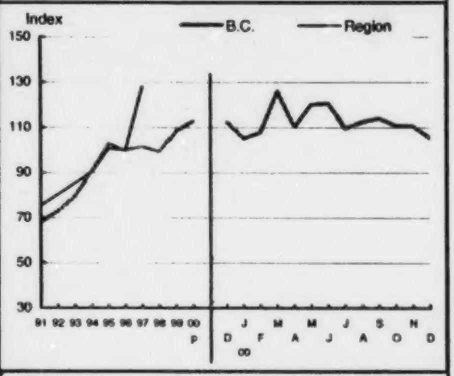


Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

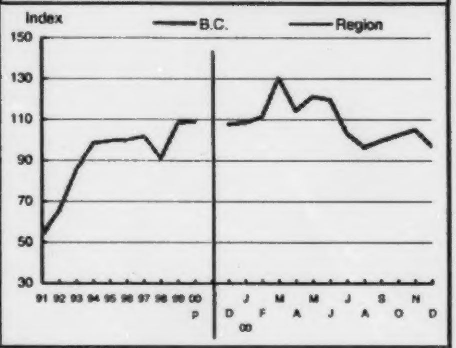
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	3
25	Wood	5	5	5	6	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	4	4	5	6
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	7	7	7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	20	21	22	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	276.5	301.1	260.0	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	492.0	548.1	544.7	696.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,053	1,019	1,016	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	2,092	2,115	2,093	2,431
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	50.0	51.9	51.6	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	99.1	107.9	111.0	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

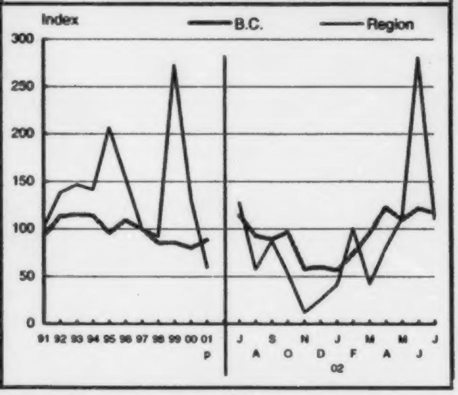


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	31.4	7.5	0.8	5.9	0.9	23.8	184
1995	45.7	24.2	8.7	11.9	3.6	21.5	202
1996	34.2	8.0	0.0	6.2	1.8	26.2	251
1997	22.2	6.5	0.5	5.6	0.5	15.6	139
1998	20.4	9.8	0.2	6.1	3.5	10.6	97
1999	60.4	49.1	0.7	4.1	44.4	11.3	97
2000	29.2	19.5	4.6	11.3	3.7	9.6	75
2001	13.2	6.1	0.4	3.6	2.1	7.1	37
YTD Jul '01	8.8	4.7	0.3	2.8	1.6	4.1	23
YTD Jul '02	14.2	7.0	0.5	5.1	1.3	7.2	47

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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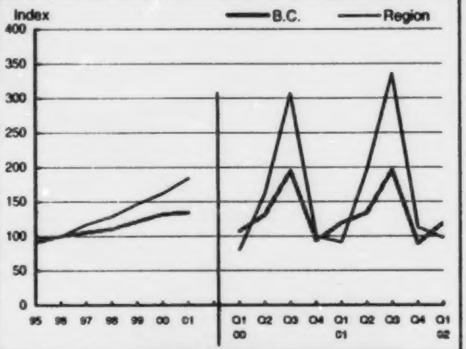
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	1998	18,520.2	2,544.2	4,479.1	8,951.5	2,545.4
	1999	21,138.9	2,671.2	5,086.5	10,187.3	3,194.0
	2000	23,404.5	2,900.2	5,843.6	11,051.1	3,609.7
	2001	26,578.0	3,302.6	7,106.7	12,095.1	4,073.5
	2002	3,525.7	3,525.7			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Alberni-Clayoquot 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	26,510.2	100.0%
Hotels	5,971.6	22.5%
Motels	4,273.2	16.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

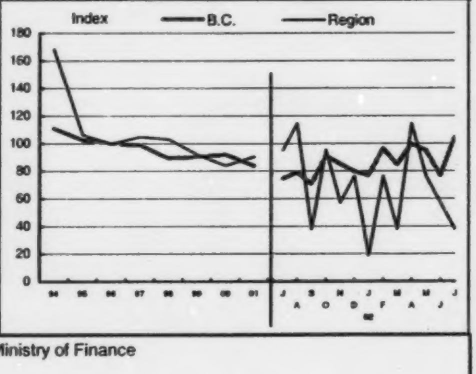


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	106
1995	67
1996	63
1997	66
1998	65
1999	58
2000	53
2001	57
Jan-Jul 01	37
Jan-Jul 02	22

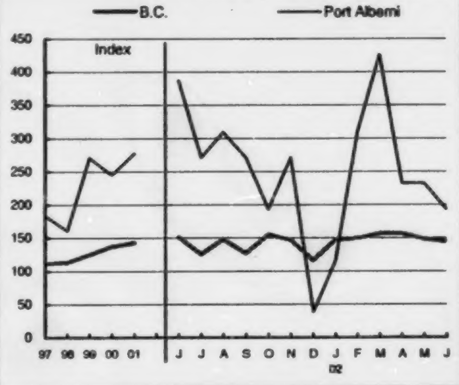
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



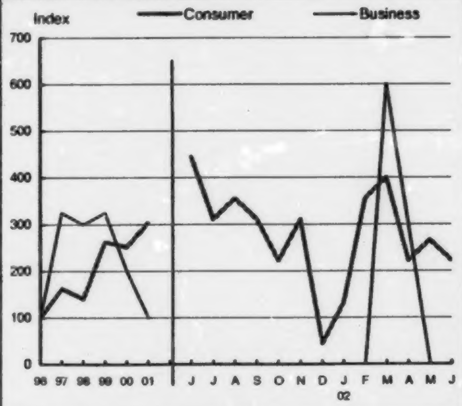
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Port Alberni Consumer	Port Alberni Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1997	44	13	646	120	7,366	895
1998	38	12	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	71	13	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	8	983	148	9,181	976
2001	82	4	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	47	4	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	36	3	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Sep '99	8.8	12.5	11.8	7.4	4.2
	Dec '99	9.1	12.8	12.7	7.6	4.2
	Mar '00	9.4	13.1	13.6	7.9	4.3
	Jun '00	9.2	12.8	12.6	7.9	4.4
	Sep '00	9.0	12.8	11.8	7.6	4.2
	Dec '00	8.7	12.3	10.7	7.5	4.0
	Mar '01	8.7	12.4	10.0	7.7	3.9
	Jun '01	9.1	13.3	10.9	7.7	4.1
	Sep '01	8.3	12.4	9.6	7.0	3.8
	Dec '01	8.1	11.8	10.2	6.9	3.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

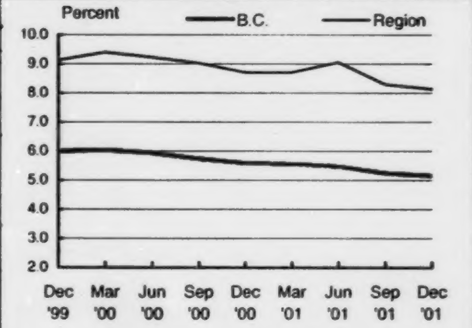
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Sep '99	2.7	2.5	3.0	1.9
Dec '99	5.4	6.0	6.0	2.4
Mar '00	5.4	6.2	6.1	2.2
Jun '00	3.2	3.1	3.7	1.3
Sep '00	2.6	2.4	3.0	1.2
Dec '00	4.8	4.4	5.5	2.2
Mar '01	4.9	5.1	5.6	2.1
Jun '01	4.1	3.9	4.8	1.4
Sep '01	3.4	2.9	4.0	1.0

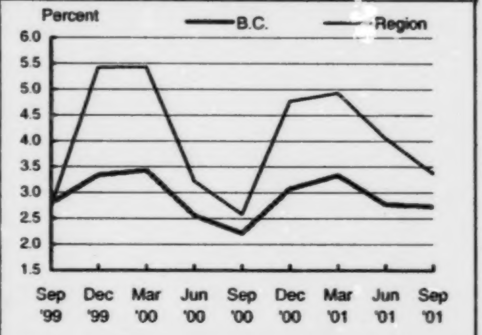
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,264	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	40.8	41.4
1-2 Years	17.9	17.5
>2 Years	41.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

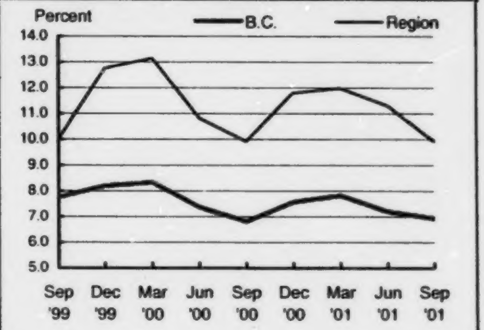
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Sep '99	10.0	14.2	10.3	5.5
	Dec '99	12.8	18.5	13.2	6.1
	Mar '00	13.2	19.5	13.7	5.6
	Jun '00	10.8	15.5	11.4	4.9
	Sep '00	9.9	13.9	10.4	4.9
	Dec '00	11.8	14.7	12.7	5.8
	Mar '01	12.0	14.9	13.0	5.5
	Jun '01	11.3	14.7	12.2	4.7
	Sep '01	9.9	12.1	10.8	4.5

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally been a net loser of migrants and the trend is expected to continue as the economy is transformed from resource-based industries to more service-oriented industries. The gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economy and the dependence on resource-based employment, which tends to be male-dominated. The proportion of elderly people (over 65 years of age) has been gradually increasing and should match the provincial average in the next few years.

14 Projection

It is projected that the traditional net migration outflows for this area will continue, particularly as constraints in the resource sectors reduce the employment base. Although there are plans to further develop the tourist industry and to attract more retirees to the region, the number of jobs in the service sector supported by these activities is less than those supported by the forest sector. This means that it will take more than one tourism job to achieve the same spin-off benefits of one forest job. These conditions should result in a decline in population for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

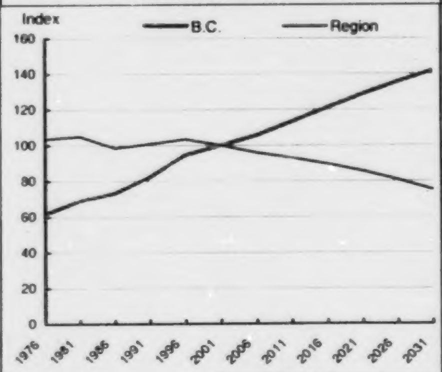
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.8	8.9	4.6	9.1	5.8	1.8	33.0	10.0	0.598	0.091	0.689	1976
1981	2.7	7.7	4.7	10.0	6.0	2.2	33.4	11.1	0.504	0.106	0.609	1981
1986	2.4	6.7	3.3	9.8	6.2	2.8	31.4	11.4	0.471	0.147	0.617	1986
1991	2.4	6.5	3.0	10.2	6.7	3.3	32.0	11.9	0.443	0.164	0.608	1991
1996	2.2	6.4	3.0	9.9	7.6	3.8	32.9	12.7	0.418	0.184	0.602	1996
2001	1.5	5.8	3.4	8.7	8.4	4.0	31.8	12.7	0.357	0.193	0.551	2001
2006	1.4	4.8	2.7	8.1	9.1	4.3	30.5	13.2	0.312	0.218	0.530	2006
2011	1.3	4.0	2.3	7.5	9.6	4.9	29.6	13.7	0.275	0.253	0.528	2011
2016	1.1	3.5	2.1	6.9	9.2	5.7	28.5	14.1	0.253	0.315	0.568	2016
2021	0.9	3.2	1.5	6.4	8.6	6.6	27.2	13.9	0.250	0.403	0.653	2021
2026	0.8	2.7	1.4	5.3	8.0	7.4	25.7	13.7	0.238	0.500	0.737	2026
2031	0.7	2.3	1.3	4.4	7.4	7.9	23.9	13.3	0.224	0.600	0.825	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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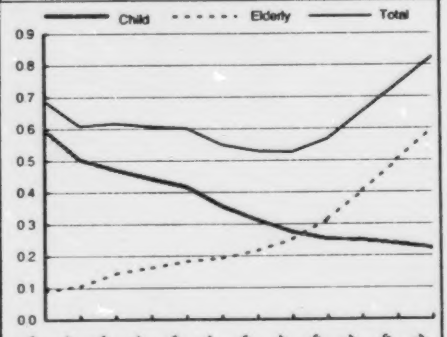

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Granisle, Houston, Smithers, Telkwa, Vanderhoof

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic drivers for this region. The agriculture industry in this region consists mainly of grain production. There are currently two major mines operating in the area (Endako Molybdenum Mine and Huckleberry Copper Mine). Smithers is also one of the major supply and service points for mineral exploration and development in northern British Columbia and miners working in fly-in operations are often based there.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Bulkley-Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,752	1,887	121	46	14	2,068	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	495	457	28	9	0	494	23.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	13	1	1	1	16	0.8%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	231	215	6	4	0	225	10.9%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	58	65	8	8	7	88	4.3%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	40	57	4	0	0	61	2.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	120	191	22	6	0	219	10.6%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	176	154	2	3	2	161	7.8%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	22	0	0	0	22	1.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	38	20	2	1	0	23	1.1%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	142	50	0	0	0	50	2.4%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	106	130	4	1	0	135	6.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	57	20	1	1	0	22	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	51	53	1	0	0	54	2.6%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	4	18	1	0	3	22	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	87	9	4	1	101	4.9%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	21	40	3	1	0	44	2.1%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	84	120	19	4	0	143	6.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	98	153	4	1	0	158	7.6%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	19	5	2	0	26	1.3%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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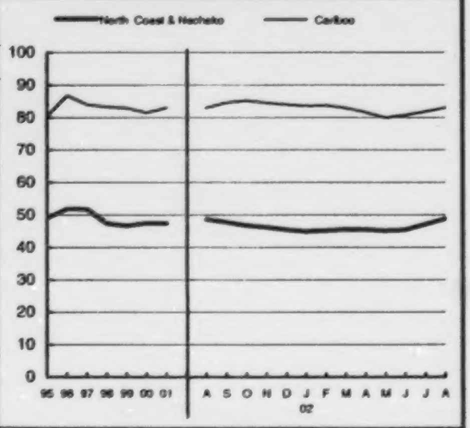
Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

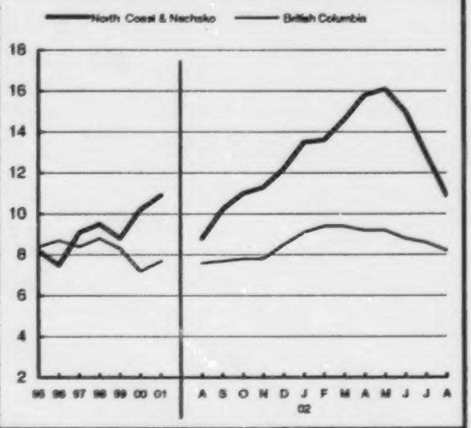
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	47.8	10.2	84.6	9.3	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	46.8	11.0	85.2	8.4	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	46.2	11.3	84.5	7.9	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	45.4	12.2	84.0	9.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	44.9	13.5	83.5	11.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	45.2	13.6	83.7	12.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	45.5	14.6	82.9	13.0	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	45.5	15.8	81.7	13.3	1,920.8	9.2
	May	45.2	16.1	80.0	14.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	45.4	15.0	80.8	13.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	47.1	12.9	81.8	13.7	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	48.8	10.9	83.0	12.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	46.6	13.6	82.0	13.5	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.2		-0.4		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



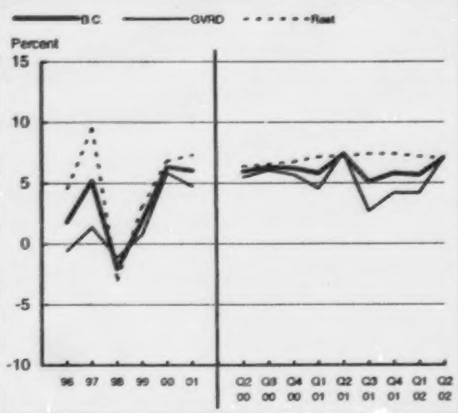
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

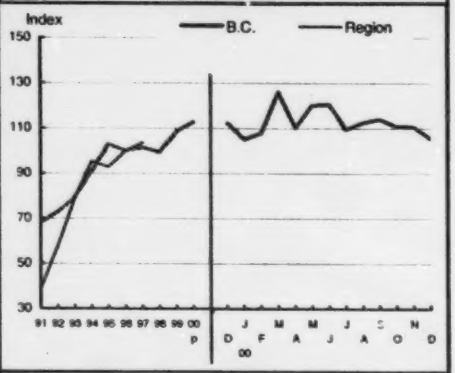
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	2	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	34	36	38	42	40
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.5
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	899.0	1,079.5	1,051.7	1,132.7	1,173.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	39
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,854	3,021	2,996	2,881	2,920
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	128.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	135.0	139.5	134.2	136.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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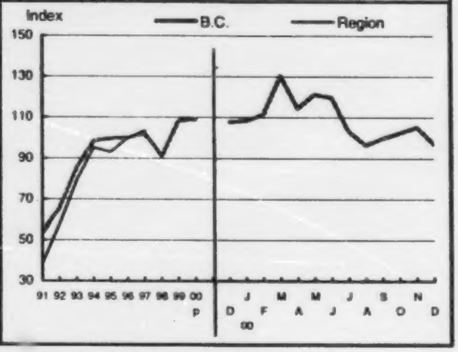
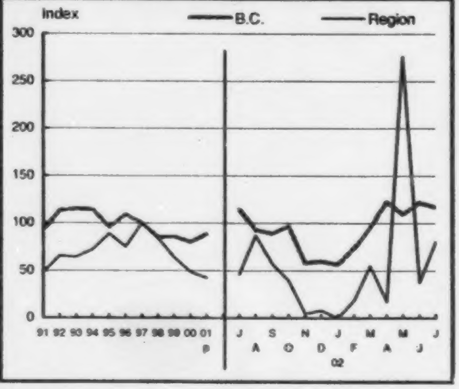


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	29.8	8.2	1.1	5.2	1.9	21.6	196
1995	36.8	15.2	2.6	6.3	6.4	21.6	212
1996	31.0	7.5	1.1	5.3	1.0	23.6	241
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	8.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	6.5	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.4	13.9	1.8	8.5	3.6	12.5	108
2000	20.1	10.2	1.9	5.4	3.0	9.8	75
2001	17.6	10.4	0.9	5.3	4.2	7.2	63
YTD Jul '01	10.8	6.3	0.3	2.5	3.4	4.5	39
YTD Jul '02	16.7	13.1	1.8	1.8	9.5	3.6	25

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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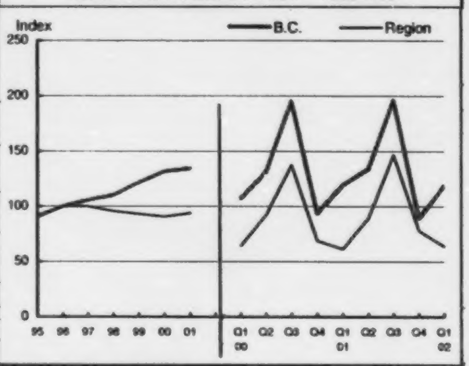
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Stikine Region ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,744.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,407.0	1,817.7
	2002	1,489.8	1,489.8			
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Bulkley-Nechako 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,744.0	100.0%
Motels	4,661.2	53.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

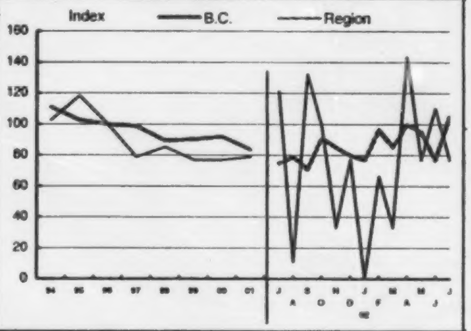


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	112
1995	129
1996	109
1997	86
1998	93
1999	84
2000	84
2001	86
Jan-Jul 01	54
Jan-Jul 02	46

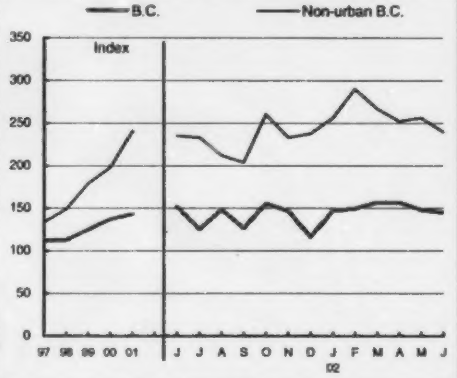
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



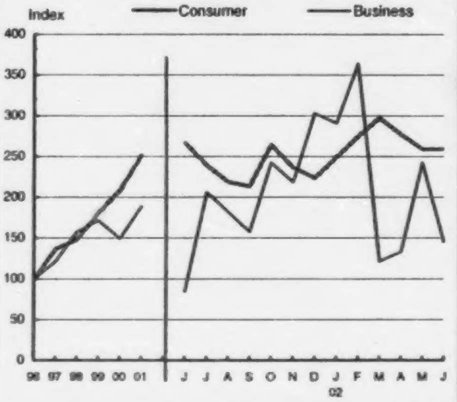
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
2001	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Sep '99	5.7	7.1	8.4	4.5	3.0
	Dec '99	5.3	6.5	8.0	4.3	2.8
	Mar '00	5.4	6.8	7.9	4.4	2.9
	Jun '00	5.6	7.0	8.1	4.6	2.9
	Sep '00	5.3	6.7	7.5	4.4	2.9
	Dec '00	5.5	6.6	8.5	4.5	2.8
	Mar '01	5.5	6.8	8.8	4.4	2.8
	Jun '01	5.5	6.8	8.9	4.5	2.8
	Sep '01	5.2	6.8	7.9	4.1	2.7
	Dec '01	5.4	6.8	8.1	4.5	2.6

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

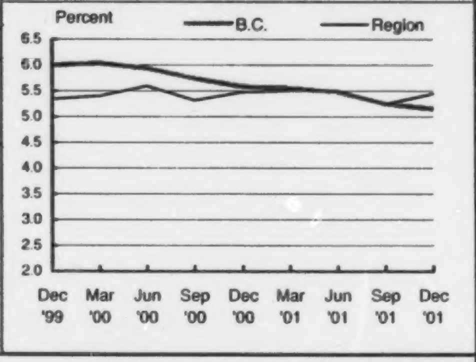
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.2	4.2	4.5	2.1	Sep '99
3.6	3.7	3.8	2.3	Dec '99
3.9	4.4	4.0	2.3	Mar '00
4.6	4.7	5.0	2.6	Jun '00
3.0	2.9	3.3	1.6	Sep '00
3.5	3.7	3.7	2.4	Dec '00
4.2	4.5	4.4	2.7	Mar '01
5.1	4.5	5.5	3.5	Jun '01
3.1	3.1	3.3	1.9	Sep '01

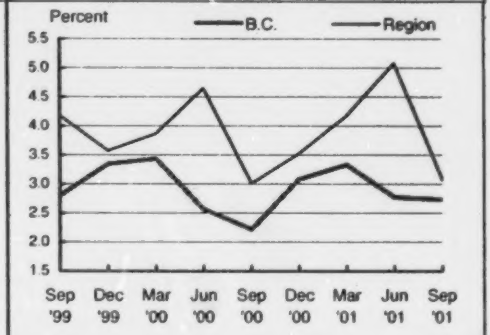
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,119	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	51.8	41.4
1-2 Years	20.4	17.5
>2 Years	27.9	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

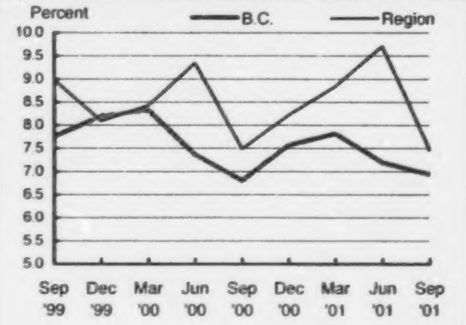
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Sep '99	9.0	12.3	8.9	5.8
	Dec '99	8.1	11.2	7.9	5.7
	Mar '00	8.4	11.9	8.2	5.6
	Jun '00	9.3	12.3	9.4	5.8
	Sep '00	7.5	10.2	7.5	4.6
	Dec '00	8.2	11.9	8.0	5.5
	Mar '01	8.8	12.9	8.6	5.8
	Jun '01	9.7	12.9	9.7	6.4
	Sep '01	7.5	10.8	7.3	4.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors, the gender ratio of this area is heavily weighted in favour of males. This contrasts with the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

The total fertility rate for this area is much higher than the provincial rate. This is likely one of the reasons for the higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. As a result, the median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median.

14 Projection

This region is expected to receive net inflows of migrants throughout most of the projection, with the exception of outflows in the short-term due to forestry sector job losses. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) for this area is expected to be relatively high and positive over the duration of the projection period, and in combination with positive net migration should result in overall population growth for this area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

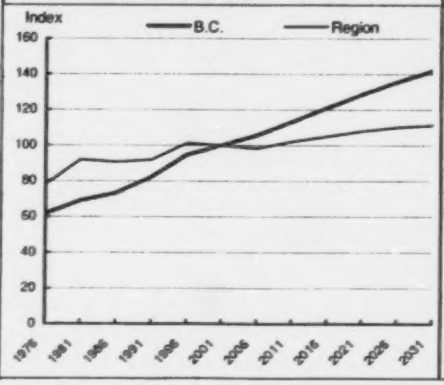
Year,	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	10.0	4.6	9.3	4.7	1.3	33.5	9.2	0.729	0.069	0.798	1976
1981	4.3	10.2	5.9	12.2	5.3	1.6	39.4	11.9	0.617	0.068	0.685	1981
1986	4.0	9.6	4.5	12.9	5.8	1.9	38.6	12.3	0.585	0.082	0.667	1986
1991	3.6	9.6	4.0	13.4	6.5	2.3	39.4	13.0	0.553	0.097	0.650	1991
1996	3.6	9.9	4.4	14.4	8.1	3.0	43.4	14.8	0.503	0.111	0.613	1996
2001	3.0	9.2	4.8	13.2	9.5	3.2	42.8	15.0	0.441	0.118	0.560	2001
2006	2.8	8.3	4.3	12.2	10.9	3.7	42.2	15.7	0.404	0.136	0.540	2006
2011	2.8	7.6	4.1	12.3	12.5	4.5	43.7	17.2	0.362	0.157	0.519	2011
2016	2.7	7.4	3.9	12.2	13.1	5.7	45.0	18.4	0.345	0.195	0.540	2016
2021	2.6	7.3	3.7	12.3	13.0	7.3	46.2	19.4	0.340	0.250	0.591	2021
2026	2.5	7.1	3.8	12.0	12.8	9.0	47.1	20.3	0.334	0.313	0.647	2026
2031	2.4	6.8	3.8	11.6	12.8	10.3	47.7	21.0	0.329	0.367	0.696	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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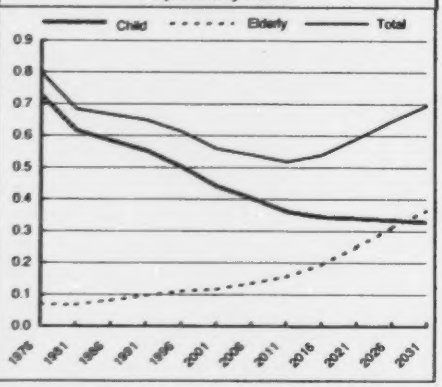

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Capital
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, View Royal

Being the provincial capital means that Victoria has a large public service sector. The pleasant climate of the area also makes it a popular tourist destination and retirement area. The abundance of retirees makes pension and investment income important elements of the economy. This, in combination with a large and growing tourism trade, helps to drive the service sector.

Major developments that could affect this area include the recent construction of sewer lines and the improved transportation networks to the Sooke area. These developments could be an indication that the Sooke area may be ready for more serious development.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Capital							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	11,947	10,679	921	446	98	12,144	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	298	219	11	7	1	238	2.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	35	17	1	0	0	18	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	7	6	2	1	1	10	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	1,853	1,234	89	29	2	1,354	11.1%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	394	419	48	29	7	503	4.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	438	419	38	17	2	476	3.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	919	1,346	137	74	14	1,571	12.9%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	415	305	11	10	6	332	2.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	141	133	21	10	4	168	1.4%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	693	350	33	30	3	416	3.4%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,716	517	41	12	1	571	4.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	2,142	1,639	88	26	0	1,753	14.4%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	640	218	19	8	2	247	2.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	598	548	33	10	5	596	4.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	113	142	14	9	7	172	1.4%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	154	1,434	94	47	14	1,589	13.1%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	219	180	11	10	2	203	1.7%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	391	661	186	91	4	942	7.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	781	828	38	14	0	880	7.2%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	64	6	12	23	105	0.9%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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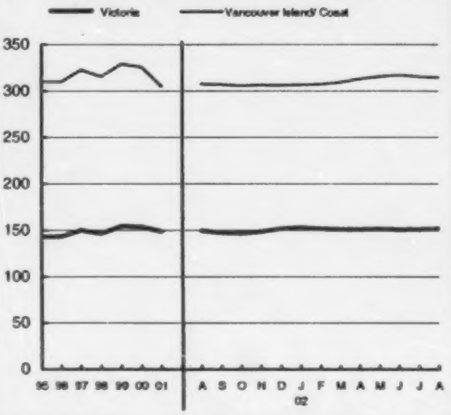
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Victoria		Vancouver Island/ Coast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992	133.6	7.9			1,620.3	10.2
	1993	138.8	8.3			1,675.9	9.7
	1994	144.3	7.1			1,754.0	9.0
	1995	143.1	8.4	309.9	9.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	143.5	8.5	309.8	9.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	149.8	7.5	322.7	8.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	146.6	8.7	315.7	9.6	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	154.2	6.7	329.1	8.0	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	153.6	6.7	325.8	7.8	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	148.9	6.1	305.3	9.1	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	148.0	6.3	303.8	8.5	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	147.0	5.8	299.4	8.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	145.9	5.9	297.6	9.3	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	148.1	5.3	302.7	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	149.7	5.6	308.7	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	150.1	5.9	309.9	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	149.9	6.7	310.3	8.6	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	149.6	6.9	307.7	9.2	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	147.5	6.5	307.2	9.0	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	146.8	6.1	305.8	9.2	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	148.6	5.7	306.6	9.2	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	151.9	5.9	306.3	9.7	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	153.2	6.4	306.9	10.1	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	151.7	7.4	307.5	10.4	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	151.2	7.9	309.3	10.2	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	151.1	7.6	313.0	9.4	1,920.8	9.2
	May	151.6	6.9	315.5	8.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	150.8	6.9	317.1	8.4	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	151.2	7.0	315.7	8.3	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	151.8	7.3	314.5	8.6	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	148.4	6.2	304.5	9.0	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	151.5	7.3	313.1	9.2	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	2.1		2.8		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



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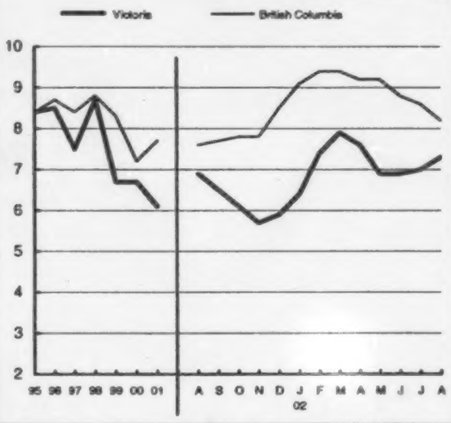


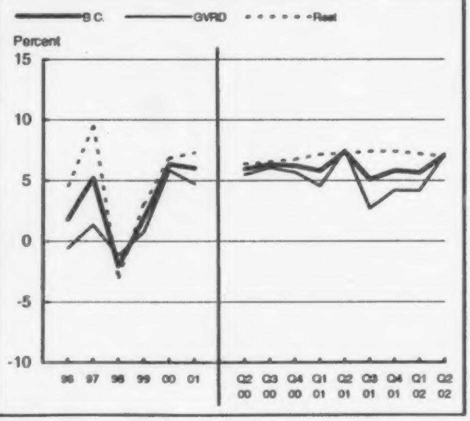
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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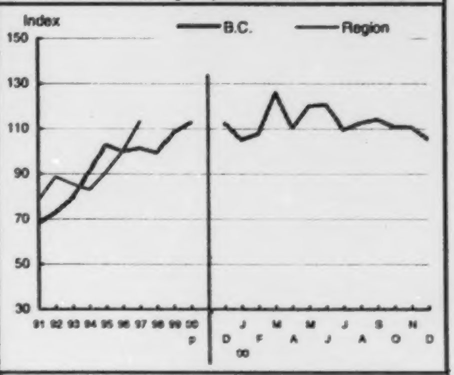
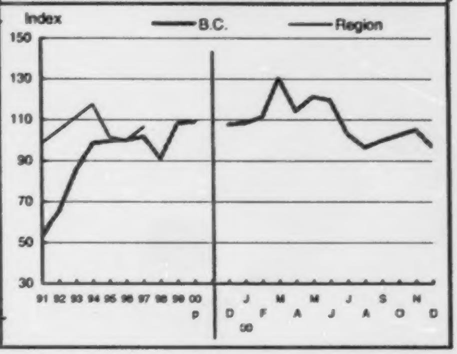
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	20	18	18	18	17
25	Wood	22	19	20	25	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	22	22	24	32	29
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	211	202	223	252	246
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.4	94.0	102.3	129.6	151.7
25	Wood	**	45.4	39.2	38.6	41.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	53.7	55.0	65.4	68.7	70.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	495.0	479.7	525.2	578.5	654.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	618	548	629	673	636
25	Wood	**	401	376	249	326
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	591	610	671	610	697
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,631	4,350	4,666	4,636	5,571
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	20.0	19.2	21.0	20.8	21.5
25	Wood	**	11.4	10.9	7.1	9.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	19.7	20.3	22.3	20.7	25.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	159.8	151.9	152.0	162.5	202.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

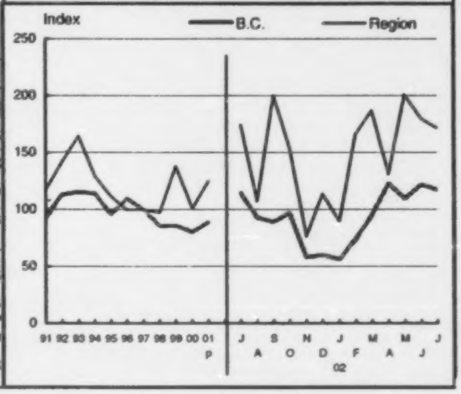


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	372.3	122.9	8.0	84.0	30.9	249.5	2,503
1995	319.9	151.8	10.6	57.7	83.4	168.1	1,296
1996	287.1	108.6	5.5	88.7	14.4	178.5	1,263
1997	287.7	116.3	6.8	78.3	31.3	171.3	1,230
1998	279.9	117.5	15.9	76.2	25.4	162.4	1,138
1999	396.7	222.4	6.0	98.5	117.8	174.4	1,304
2000	289.8	123.5	14.3	76.7	32.5	166.2	996
2001	358.9	165.5	21.6	86.9	57.0	193.4	1,196
YTD Jul '01	202.8	92.8	16.0	55.6	21.1	110.0	579
YTD Jul '02	269.6	107.6	7.6	56.9	43.0	162.0	1,068

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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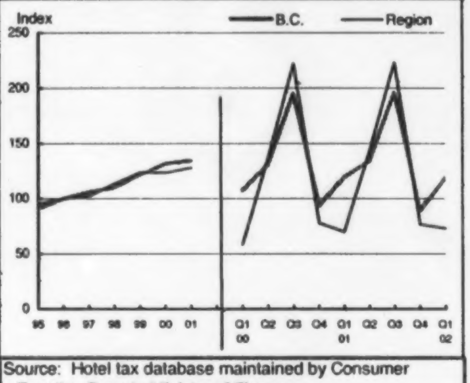
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Capital Regional District	1998	138,308.2	17,488.3	37,203.1	61,316.2	22,298.6
	1999	150,894.3	21,624.8	41,072.6	66,841.0	21,356.0
	2000	150,761.0	17,910.1	41,491.1	67,579.8	23,779.9
	2001	156,248.3	21,365.4	43,517.2	67,948.3	23,417.3
	2002	22,301.1	22,301.1			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Capital 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	156,208.0	100.0%
Hotels	125,808.6	80.5%
76+ Rooms	95,126.8	60.9%
1-75 Rooms	30,681.9	19.6%
Motels	13,948.6	8.9%
Vacation Rentals	3,798.1	2.4%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

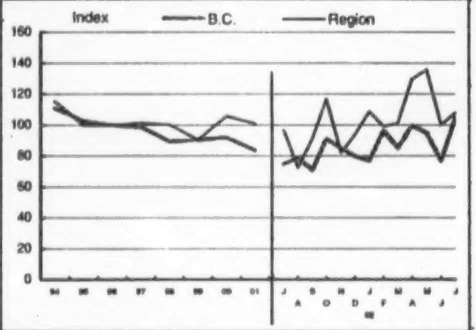


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	1,591
1995	1,376
1996	1,379
1997	1,398
1998	1,384
1999	1,247
2000	1,458
2001	1,394
Jan-Jul 01	870
Jan-Jul 02	899

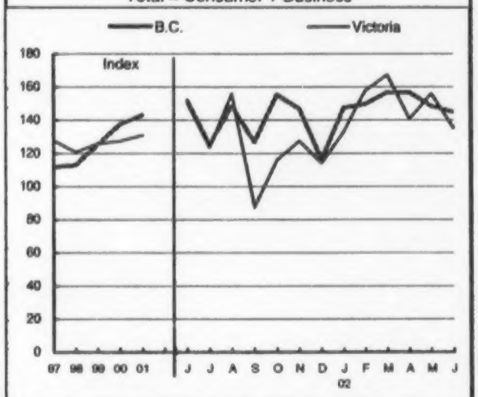
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



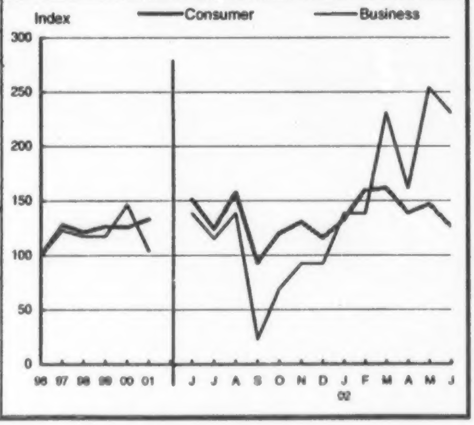
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Victoria		[illegible]rban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	742	64	646	120	7,366	895
1998	701	61	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	733	61	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	728	76	983	148	9,181	976
2001	772	54	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	414	31	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	418	50	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving benefits)	All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Capital Regional District	Sep '99	5.8	8.3	8.2	5.0	2.6
	Dec '99	5.7	7.9	8.4	4.9	2.4
	Mar '00	5.8	7.9	9.3	5.0	2.3
	Jun '00	5.6	7.8	8.8	4.8	2.3
	Sep '00	5.4	7.7	8.3	4.6	2.4
	Dec '00	5.3	7.4	8.1	4.5	2.3
	Mar '01	5.2	7.3	8.5	4.5	2.2
	Jun '01	5.1	7.3	8.2	4.4	2.2
	Sep '01	4.9	7.2	7.4	4.1	2.2
	Dec '01	4.7	6.7	7.1	4.0	2.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

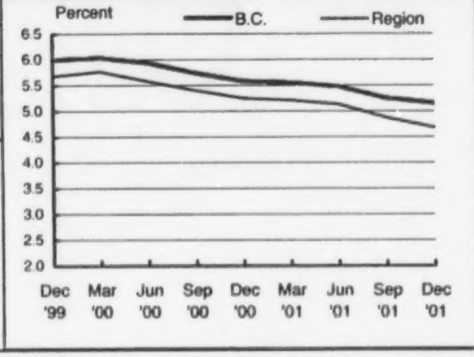
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.1	2.1	2.4	1.0	Sep '99
2.6	3.2	2.7	1.4	Dec '99
2.5	3.2	2.7	1.2	Mar '00
1.9	2.1	2.1	0.9	Jun '00
1.6	1.7	1.8	0.8	Sep '00
2.4	2.6	2.6	1.2	Dec '00
2.4	2.7	2.6	1.0	Mar '01
2.0	2.2	2.2	0.9	Jun '01
2.1	2.1	2.4	0.8	Sep '01

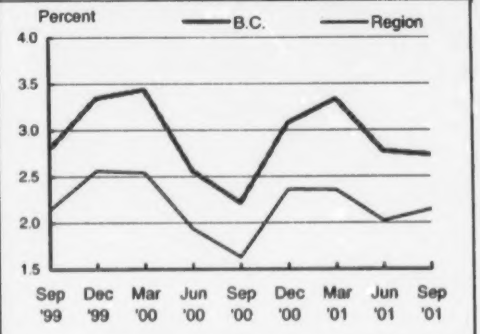
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	12,881	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	40.8	41.4
1-2 Years	18.6	17.5
>2 Years	40.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

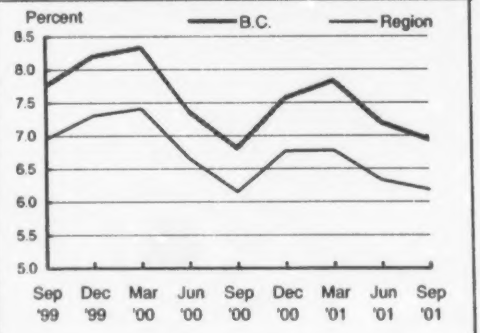
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving assistance)	All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Capital Regional District	Sep '99	7.0	10.0	7.2	3.5
	Dec '99	7.3	11.0	7.4	3.8
	Mar '00	7.4	11.9	7.5	3.6
	Jun '00	6.7	10.5	6.8	3.2
	Sep '00	6.2	9.8	6.3	3.0
	Dec '00	6.8	10.4	6.9	3.3
	Mar '01	6.8	10.9	6.9	3.1
	Jun '01	6.3	10.0	6.5	3.0
	Sep '01	6.2	9.3	6.4	2.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The urban nature of much of the region means that the population density is much greater than the provincial average. The median age of the area's population is higher than the provincial median, likely due in part to the areas attractiveness for retirees.

The larger percentage of elderly people affects other demographic variables as well. For example, the gender ratio is weighted much more in favour of females than is the case for British Columbia as a whole, since females tend to live longer than males.

14 Projection

The retirement communities in Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands should continue to grow as the provincial population ages and more people chose to retire in these areas. As Greater Victoria reaches saturation, growth will likely move into Saanich and Sooke. The Gulf Islands' "Island Trust" exists to ensure that the Islands maintain their island character and this control over development will likely keep growth on the Islands to a minimum.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	13.0	46.7	31.3	56.7	52.7	35.9	236.2	87.7	0.424	0.256	0.680	1976
1981	13.9	41.4	33.1	70.2	54.4	42.8	255.9	103.6	0.351	0.272	0.622	1981
1986	15.8	40.6	30.6	83.6	55.2	49.3	275.0	117.5	0.333	0.291	0.624	1986
1991	17.3	44.6	29.6	98.9	60.2	57.1	307.6	127.9	0.328	0.303	0.631	1991
1996	17.3	48.3	30.2	104.4	72.7	58.9	331.8	141.4	0.316	0.284	0.600	1996
2001	14.5	48.8	28.7	100.6	88.2	60.7	341.4	147.7	0.291	0.279	0.570	2001
2006	13.6	46.1	31.1	95.8	103.8	63.6	354.1	160.9	0.259	0.276	0.535	2006
2011	13.9	44.1	32.6	94.2	116.3	69.5	370.7	174.7	0.239	0.286	0.525	2011
2016	14.6	42.7	33.0	94.7	120.5	82.2	387.6	189.0	0.231	0.331	0.562	2016
2021	15.0	43.5	30.3	98.5	120.0	95.9	403.2	200.1	0.235	0.385	0.620	2021
2026	15.4	44.6	28.8	102.8	116.3	109.1	417.1	209.0	0.242	0.440	0.682	2026
2031	15.0	46.4	29.1	101.5	115.4	121.2	428.6	215.7	0.250	0.493	0.742	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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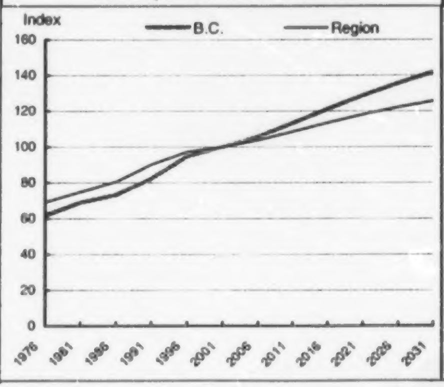
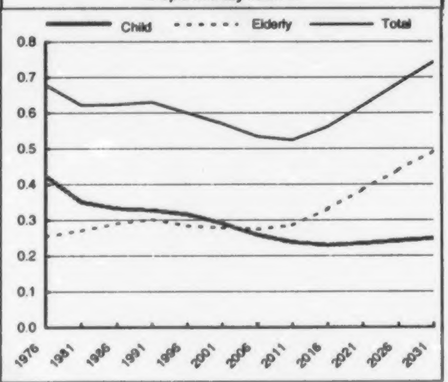


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Cariboo
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Wells

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, cattle ranching and mining also play important roles in the economy. The only remaining major mine in the area shut down in late 2001 after two others had closed in the last few years. The Quesnel River gold mine opened in 1995, but was shut down in March 1998 due to low metal prices. The Gibraltar mine near Williams Lake closed in February 1999 due to low ore grades and low prices. The Mount Polley mine near Likely, which began production in 1997 was expected to have about a 14-year life, but low prices stopped operations. The Prosperity Gold/Copper Mine has the potential to be one of the largest mines in the province once it goes ahead. The licenses for beetle-killed timber in the Williams Lake Timber Supply Area have led to employment but this will likely be temporary.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,603	2,703	165	69	15	2,952	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	609	559	32	12	0	603	20.4%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	9	5	0	0	0	5	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	5	6	0	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	435	312	12	5	0	329	11.1%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	81	95	10	9	9	123	4.2%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	87	75	10	0	0	85	2.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	198	301	17	15	1	334	11.3%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	206	250	5	1	0	256	8.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	20	19	1	2	0	22	0.7%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	57	45	7	3	0	55	1.9%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	234	78	5	0	0	83	2.8%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	158	177	3	1	0	181	6.1%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	83	35	6	0	0	41	1.4%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	65	93	1	2	0	96	3.3%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	7	13	2	0	2	17	0.6%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	21	136	16	7	2	161	5.5%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	30	49	2	0	0	51	1.7%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	123	204	28	9	0	241	8.2%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	175	230	4	0	0	234	7.9%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	21	4	3	1	29	1.0%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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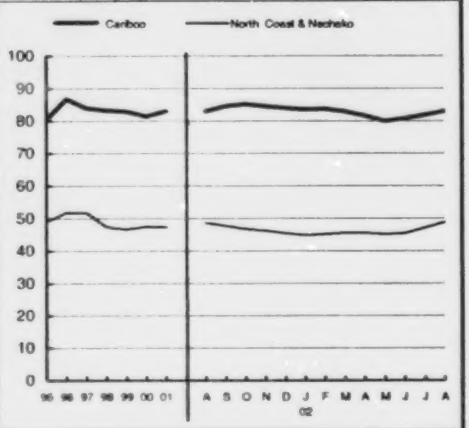
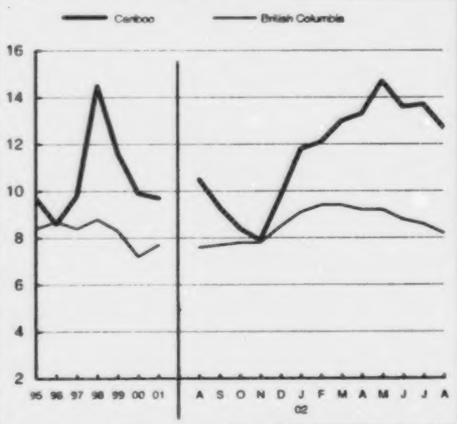
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	83.0	9.7	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	81.5	10.9	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	81.8	10.8	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	83.1	9.2	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	82.9	10.0	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	82.1	9.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	80.4	10.5	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	80.7	9.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	83.0	10.5	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	84.6	9.3	47.8	10.2	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	85.2	8.4	46.8	11.0	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	84.5	7.9	46.2	11.3	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	84.0	9.8	45.4	12.2	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	83.5	11.8	44.9	13.5	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	83.7	12.1	45.2	13.6	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	82.9	13.0	45.5	14.6	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	81.7	13.3	45.5	15.8	1,920.8	9.2
	May	80.0	14.7	45.2	16.1	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	80.8	13.6	45.4	15.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	81.8	13.7	47.1	12.9	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	83.0	12.7	48.8	10.9	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	82.4	10.1	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	82.0	13.5	46.6	13.6	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-0.4		-3.2		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



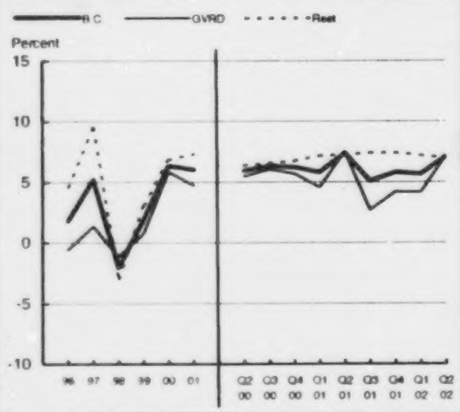
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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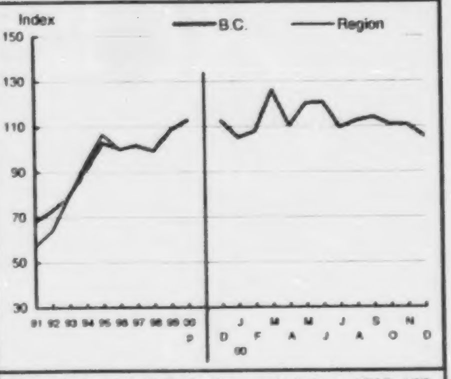
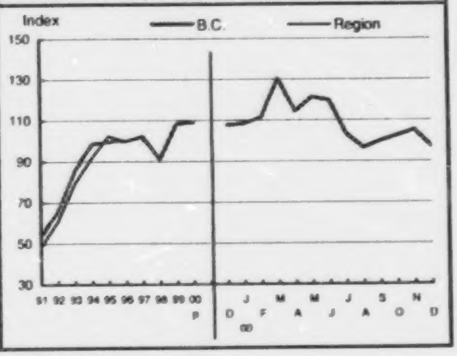
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	1
25	Wood	27	26	31	38	37
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	20	19	23	29	27
30	Metal Fabricating	4	3	3	5	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	54	51	60	74	70
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	891.8	1,033.0	1,152.7	1,125.0	1,153.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	876.3	912.6	893.6	954.2
30	Metal Fabricating	3.4	**	**	**	6.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,153.6	1,365.7	1,547.8	1,452.3	1,481.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	3,708	3,520	3,730	3,835	3,706
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,770	2,758	2,876	2,768
30	Metal Fabricating	36	**	**	**	51
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,737	4,534	4,792	4,906	4,974
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	169.2	171.9	198.4	205.8	200.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	138.2	146.5	151.5	148.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	**	**	**	2.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	216.0	219.5	252.6	259.4	263.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

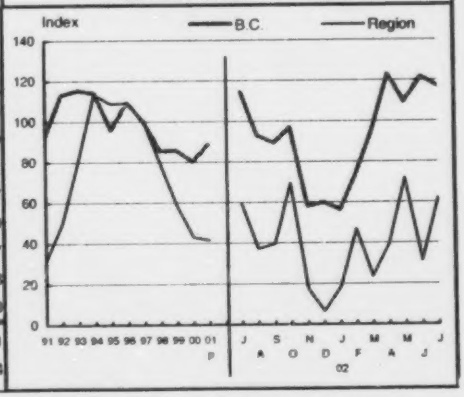


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	90.6	31.8	5.2	11.7	14.9	58.8	628
1995	87.0	34.6	14.2	9.3	11.2	52.3	569
1996	87.3	20.4	10.0	8.5	1.9	66.9	651
1997	79.9	29.9	2.0	7.6	20.3	50.0	477
1998	63.3	30.4	6.9	13.4	10.2	32.8	270
1999	47.0	17.7	4.2	10.9	2.6	29.3	227
2000	34.4	13.9	1.6	9.5	2.8	20.5	113
2001	33.2	16.4	3.0	10.4	3.0	16.8	88
YTD Jul '01	21.9	11.2	2.2	8.0	1.1	10.7	51
YTD Jul '02	19.6	6.4	2.1	1.4	3.0	13.1	64

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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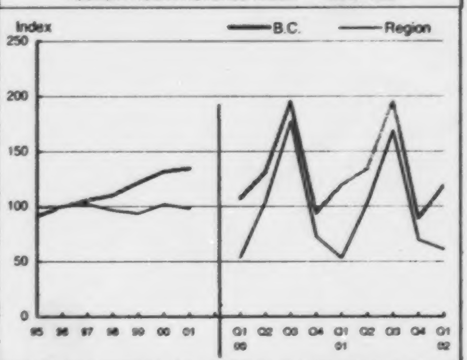
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Regional District	1998	15,950.9	2,400.7	4,219.5	6,625.6	2,705.1
	1999	15,495.9	2,244.2	4,055.6	6,454.3	2,741.8
	2000	16,825.7	2,227.7	4,296.9	7,298.7	3,002.5
	2001	16,297.3	2,199.6	4,262.6	6,958.6	2,876.5
	2002	2,523.6	2,523.6			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Cariboo 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,227.0	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,087.4	6.7%
Hotels	4,907.5	30.2%
Motels	7,795.3	48.0%
Vacation Rentals	981.8	6.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

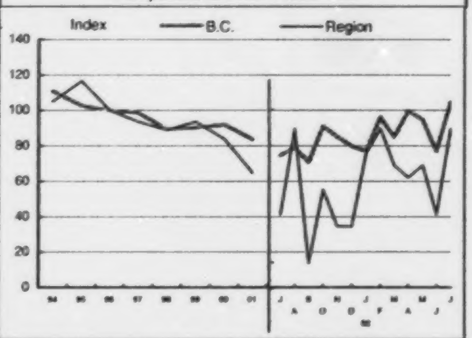


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	183
1995	203
1996	174
1997	163
1998	155
1999	163
2000	146
2001	113
Jan-Jul 01	80
Jan-Jul 02	72

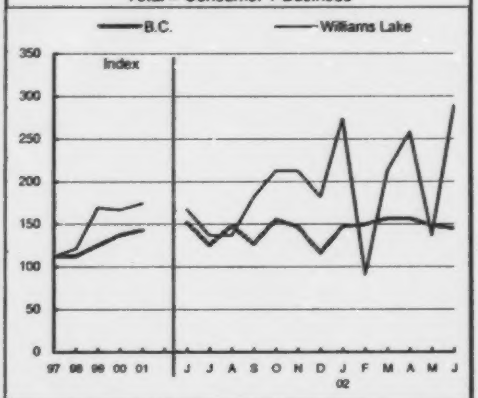
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



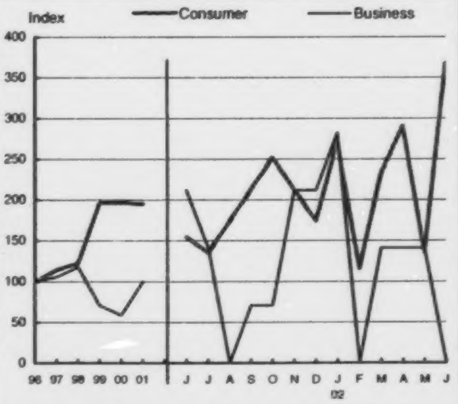
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Williams Lake		Quesnel		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	71	18	51	13	7,366	895
1998	76	20	63	11	7,327	1,031
1999	122	12	69	8	8,179	1,075
2000	122	10	81	7	9,181	976
2001	121	17	85	7	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	61	7	46	2	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	73	10	44	1	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Regional District	Sep '99	7.5	10.2	9.2	6.2	3.8
	Dec '99	7.5	9.8	9.5	6.3	3.6
	Mar '00	7.4	9.7	9.5	6.3	3.6
	Jun '00	7.5	9.8	9.8	6.4	3.5
	Sep '00	7.1	9.5	8.8	5.9	3.5
	Dec '00	6.9	8.9	8.6	5.8	3.3
	Mar '01	7.0	9.1	9.6	5.9	3.3
	Jun '01	7.0	9.4	9.0	5.8	3.5
	Sep '01	6.8	9.4	8.1	5.7	3.5
	Dec '01	6.5	8.8	7.7	5.6	3.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

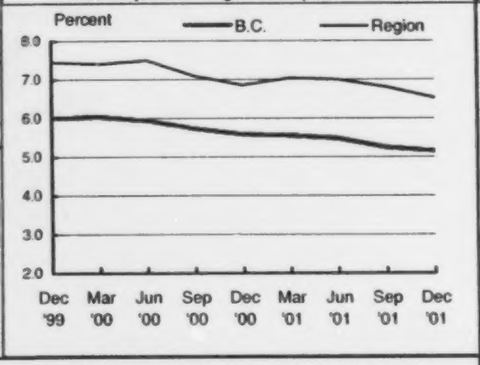
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.3	4.4	4.7	2.1	Sep '99
4.1	4.5	4.4	2.2	Dec '99
4.9	5.3	5.3	2.7	Mar '00
4.2	4.1	4.5	2.8	Jun '00
3.0	3.2	3.2	1.6	Sep '00
4.0	4.7	4.1	2.4	Dec '00
4.9	5.1	5.3	3.0	Mar '01
4.6	4.2	5.0	2.9	Jun '01
3.2	2.7	3.6	1.9	Sep '01

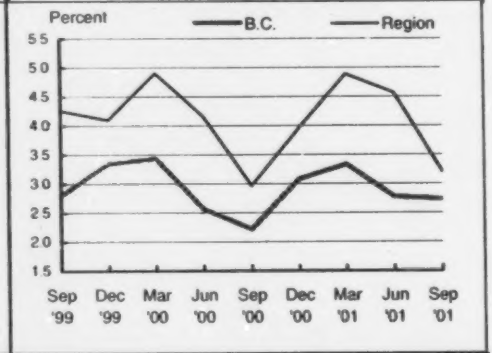
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,168	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.1	41.4
1-2 Years	17.3	17.5
>2 Years	39.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

- Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

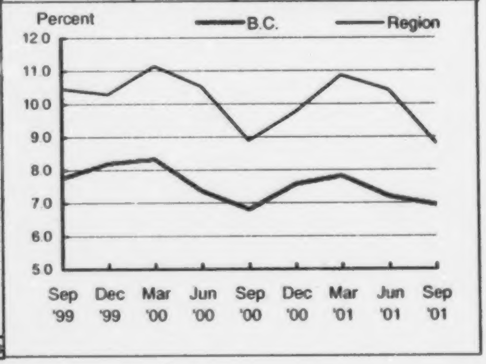
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Cariboo Regional District	Sep '99	10.5	13.4	10.7	6.5
	Dec '99	10.3	13.5	10.5	6.6
	Mar '00	11.1	14.5	11.4	7.0
	Jun '00	10.5	13.6	10.7	7.2
	Sep '00	8.9	11.7	9.0	5.8
	Dec '00	9.7	13.1	9.8	6.7
	Mar '01	10.9	14.2	11.1	7.0
	Jun '01	10.4	12.9	10.7	6.9
	Sep '01	8.8	10.5	9.1	5.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Net migration has fluctuated drastically over the last two decades. Out-migration has continued from the region since the mid-nineties. The dependence on male-dominated resource sector industries is the reason for a gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, where there are more females than males. The elderly dependency ratio is lower than the provincial average while the child dependency ratio is slightly higher, therefore, the median age of the population of this area is slightly younger than the provincial median.

14 Projection

This area could experience rapid growth if the new mines come on line, although there will likely be outflows due to the recent closures. The cancellation of the temporary licenses for beetle-killed timber, when it occurs, could result in net outflows for a few years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	5.1	15.0	7.0	15.6	8.1	2.0	52.9	15.2	0.654	0.065	0.719	1976
1981	5.9	14.8	8.4	19.4	9.5	2.7	60.8	18.9	0.555	0.073	0.628	1981
1986	5.4	14.6	6.9	21.0	11.0	3.6	62.5	21.0	0.515	0.092	0.607	1986
1991	4.8	14.1	5.6	20.9	12.6	4.8	62.9	21.9	0.484	0.122	0.607	1991
1996	4.7	14.9	6.5	22.3	15.7	5.9	70.0	25.3	0.443	0.132	0.575	1996
2001	3.8	13.6	7.5	19.7	17.7	6.6	68.8	26.5	0.390	0.148	0.537	2001
2006	3.4	11.6	6.9	17.9	20.1	8.0	67.9	28.2	0.334	0.178	0.512	2006
2011	3.3	10.2	6.6	17.7	21.6	9.6	69.1	30.6	0.293	0.210	0.503	2011
2016	3.3	9.2	6.0	18.3	21.2	12.2	70.2	32.5	0.272	0.267	0.539	2016
2021	3.1	9.1	5.1	19.3	19.8	14.6	71.1	33.7	0.277	0.331	0.608	2021
2026	2.9	9.0	4.8	18.7	19.1	16.9	71.3	34.6	0.278	0.398	0.676	2026
2031	2.6	8.6	4.8	17.3	19.3	18.3	70.9	35.2	0.271	0.443	0.714	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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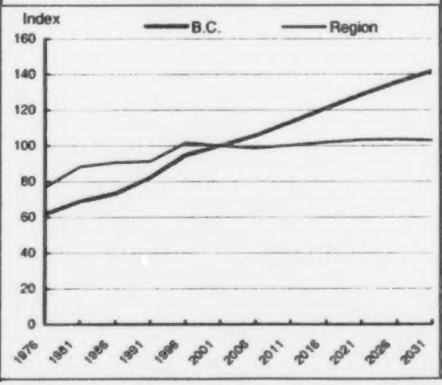
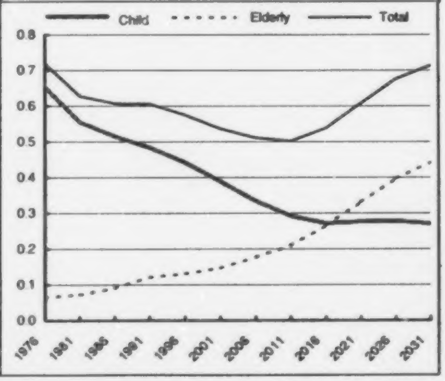


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Central Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Forestry, tourism and fishing dominate the economy of this sparsely populated region. Harvesting is the main activity in the forest sector as there are no large processing facilities in the area. The dependence on harvesting makes this region particularly prone to reductions in Allowable Annual Cuts. The AAC for the Mid Coast Timber Supply Area was reduced again recently. Reduction in the AACs from the creation of the Great Bear Rainforest could result in some migration away from communities whose residents are involved in the harvesting and transportation of Central Coast timber.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	88	81	19	5	0	105	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	34	17	7	0	0	24	22.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	8	8	1	0	0	9	8.6%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	4	1	0	1	0	2	1.9%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	4	8	3	1	0	12	11.4%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	6	6	0	0	0	6	5.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	-	2	0	0	0	2	1.9%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	5	0	1	0	0	1	1.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	3	1	1	0	0	2	1.9%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1	2	0	0	0	2	1.9%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	2	3	0	0	0	3	2.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	-	1	1	2	0	4	3.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1	5	2	0	0	7	6.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3	2	1	0	0	3	2.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	4	8	2	0	0	10	9.5%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	9	9	0	0	0	9	8.6%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	5	0	1	0	6	5.7%	0.5%	804

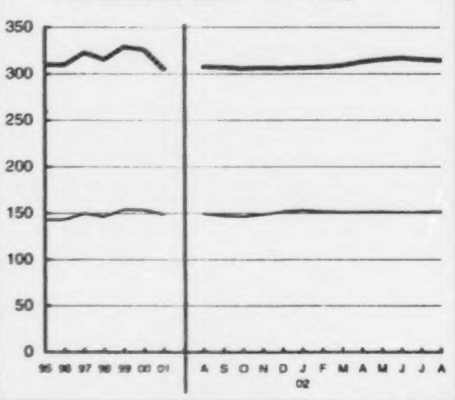
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Central Coast
Regional District

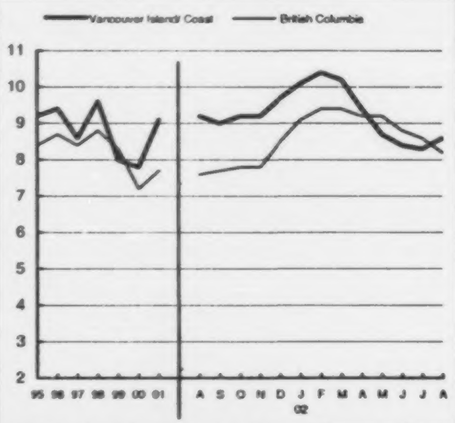
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001		305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	307.2	9.0	147.5	6.5	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	305.8	9.2	146.8	6.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	306.6	9.2	148.6	5.7	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	306.3	9.7	151.9	5.9	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	306.9	10.1	153.2	6.4	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	307.5	10.4	151.7	7.4	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	309.3	10.2	151.2	7.9	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	313.0	9.4	151.1	7.6	1,920.8	9.2
	May	315.5	8.7	151.6	6.9	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	317.1	8.4	150.8	6.9	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	315.7	8.3	151.2	7.0	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	314.5	8.6	151.8	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	313.1	9.2	151.5	7.3	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	2.8		2.1		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



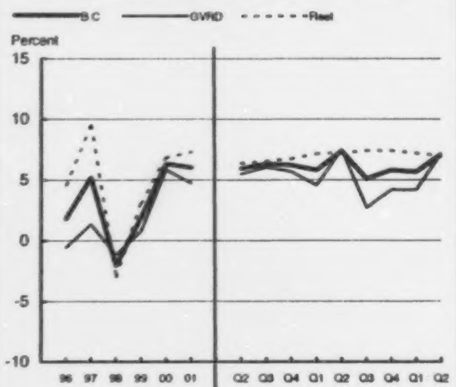
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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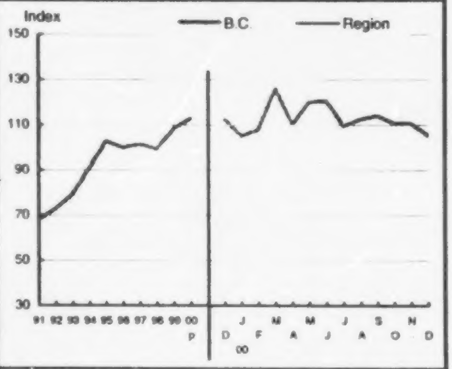
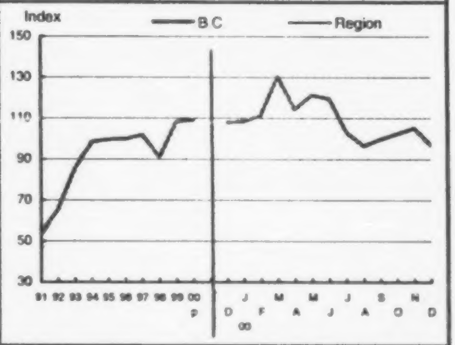
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	2	6	0	1	1
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2	6	0	1	1
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	0	**	**
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0	**	**
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

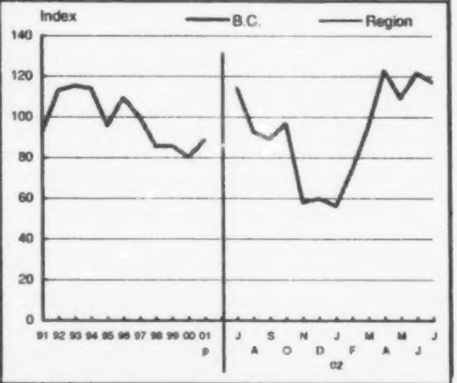


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Jul '01	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Jul '02	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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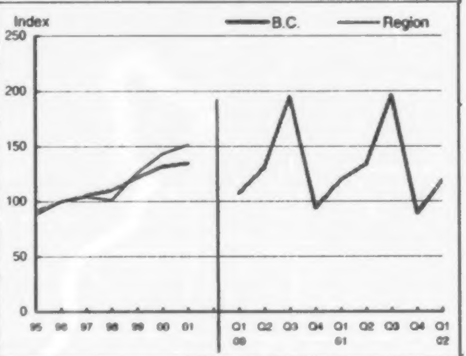
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Coast Regional District	1998	959.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	1999	1,194.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2000	1,357.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2001	1,431.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2002	1,431.5	n/a			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Central Coast 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,431.5	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

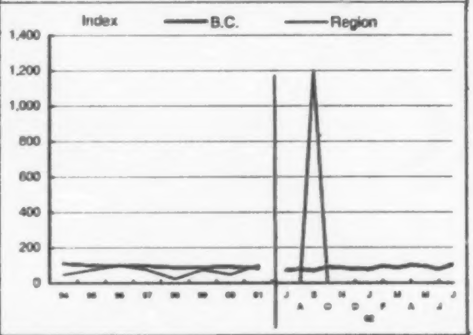


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	2
1995	3
1996	4
1997	3
1998	1
1999	3
2000	2
2001	4
Jan-Jul 01	0
Jan-Jul 02	0

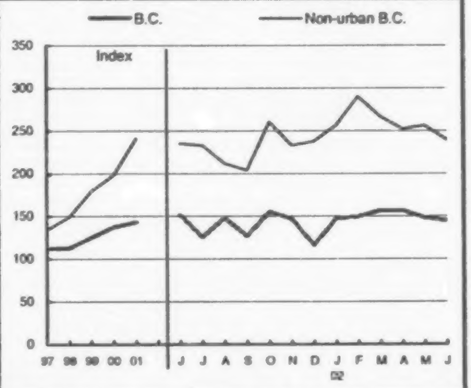
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



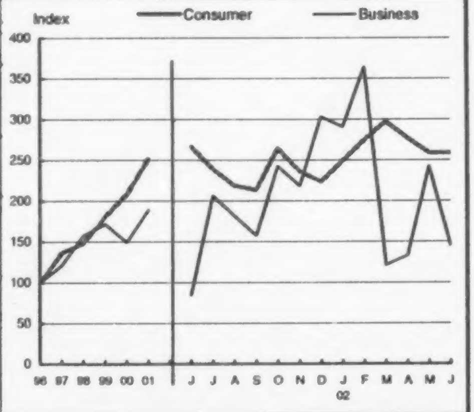
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
2001	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Central Coast Regional District	Sep '99	5.0	5.8	4.8	4.7	2.4
	Dec '99	4.8	5.8	5.5	4.2	2.4
	Mar '00	5.6	6.1	6.7	5.2	1.8
	Jun '00	6.2	6.9	8.5	5.5	1.8
	Sep '00	6.0	8.1	7.2	4.9	1.8
	Dec '00	6.2	8.0	7.3	5.2	1.7
	Mar '01	6.0	7.7	7.5	5.1	1.8
	Jun '01	6.3	8.7	5.2	5.4	1.9
	Sep '01	5.1	6.3	6.7	4.2	2.1
	Dec '01	4.7	5.7	5.1	4.1	1.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

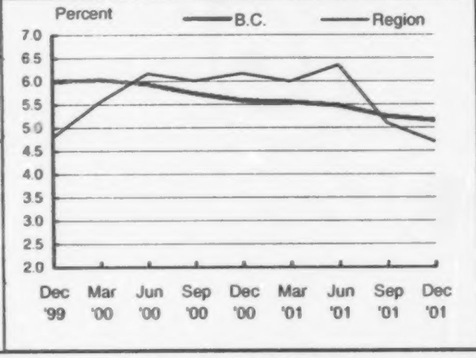
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
4.7	3.6	5.3	2.5	Sep '99
8.8	6.9	9.3	7.7	Dec '99
9.0	5.8	9.9	6.8	Mar '00
4.0	2.7	4.7	-	Jun '00
3.3	1.8	3.9	-	Sep '00
7.0	3.9	7.8	5.1	Dec '00
7.5	4.6	8.4	5.3	Mar '01
4.7	1.7	5.7	2.2	Jun '01
4.3	2.6	4.8	2.8	Sep '01

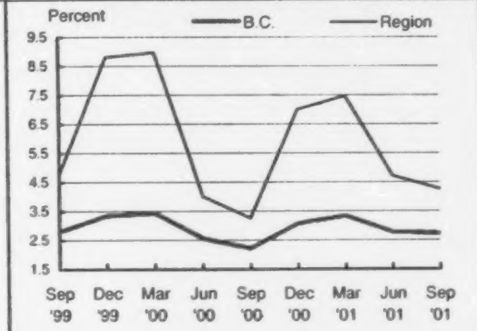
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	96	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	55.3	41.4
1-2 Years	25.5	17.5
>2 Years	19.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

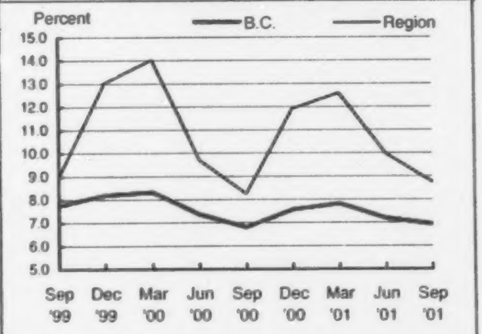
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Central Coast Regional District	Sep '99	9.0	8.3	9.5	6.3
	Dec '99	13.0	12.5	13.3	12.1
	Mar '00	14.0	12.5	14.7	11.5
	Jun '00	9.7	11.2	10.1	6.5
	Sep '00	8.3	8.9	8.6	5.7
	Dec '00	11.9	11.1	12.4	10.0
	Mar '01	12.6	12.2	13.2	9.8
	Jun '01	10.0	7.0	10.9	7.5
	Sep '01	8.8	9.4	8.9	7.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The population in this area is largely Native. The Native population tends to be younger, on average, than non-Natives, and as a result, the median age of the population in this area is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children in the population, with the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is substantially lower than the provincial ratio.

There are more men than women in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, where the reverse is the case. The median age of death is substantially younger than for the province as a whole, and this is partly due to this gender bias in favour of men, who tend to have lower life expectancies than women, and partly due to the concentration of Natives, who tend to have lower life expectancies than non-Natives.

14 Projection

This area has had small population growth with net migration oscillating above and below zero but remaining positive overall. Impacts on the forestry and fishing industries will likely result in an overall trend of mild out-migration. Natural increase should remain positive for most of the projection period but will likely not increase the population due to out-migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	0.5	1.3	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.2	4.3	1.2	0.729	0.067	0.796	1976
1981	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.1	3.1	0.9	0.601	0.078	0.679	1981
1986	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.2	3.3	1.0	0.528	0.085	0.613	1986
1991	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.6	0.2	3.6	1.2	0.539	0.093	0.632	1991
1996	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.2	4.1	1.4	0.492	0.097	0.588	1996
2001	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.3	0.9	0.3	3.9	1.4	0.448	0.104	0.552	2001
2006	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.3	3.8	1.5	0.418	0.122	0.539	2006
2011	0.2	0.7	0.4	1.0	1.2	0.4	3.9	1.6	0.360	0.163	0.523	2011
2016	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.9	1.2	0.5	3.9	1.6	0.347	0.222	0.569	2016
2021	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.2	0.7	3.7	1.7	0.309	0.296	0.604	2021
2026	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.8	1.1	0.8	3.6	1.7	0.305	0.377	0.682	2026
2031	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.7	1.0	0.9	3.4	1.6	0.323	0.495	0.818	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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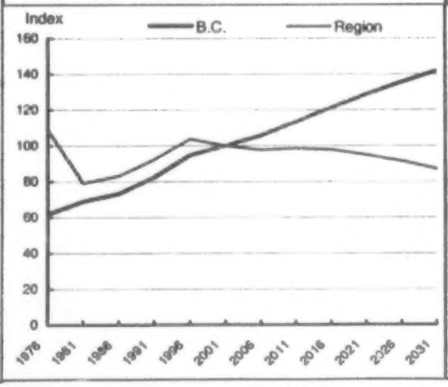
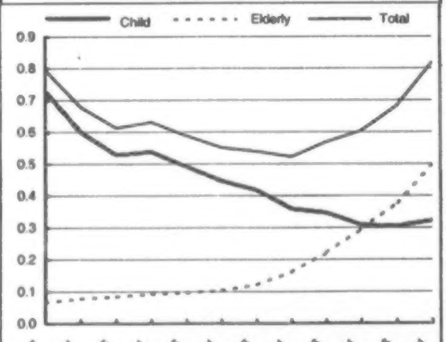


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Central Kootenay
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton, Slocan

Forestry is one of the main economic drivers for this region, particularly in the Castlegar and Arrow Lakes areas. Construction activity associated with the major dams in the area also provide some employment.

There are major hydroelectric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost the employment base for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit to begin in 2002. The Keenleyside dam construction is also underway and the Brilliant dam is being updated and expanded, with completion expected in 2002.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,910	2,268	130	58	11	2,467	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	193	272	14	4	0	290	11.8%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	10	1	0	0	11	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	4	5	0	0	0	5	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	362	251	9	1	2	263	10.7%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	83	108	6	7	2	123	5.0%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	59	73	4	0	0	77	3.1%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	196	323	11	11	0	345	14.0%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	99	139	1	1	0	141	5.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	16	35	1	2	0	38	1.5%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	61	42	3	1	0	46	1.9%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	204	70	8	1	0	79	3.2%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	195	183	3	2	0	188	7.6%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	64	26	1	1	0	28	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	75	78	2	0	0	80	3.2%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	12	22	0	4	3	29	1.2%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	14	165	16	15	4	200	8.1%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	34	67	4	1	0	72	2.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	98	178	37	3	0	218	8.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	130	182	7	1	0	190	7.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	39	2	3	0	44	1.8%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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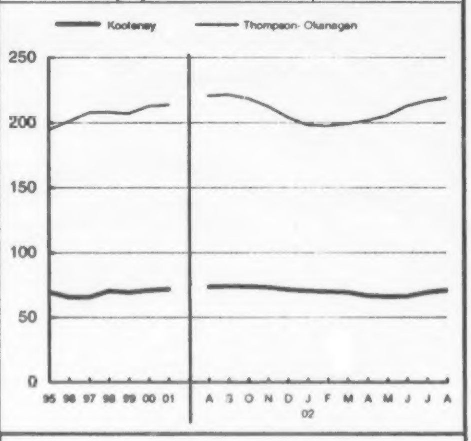
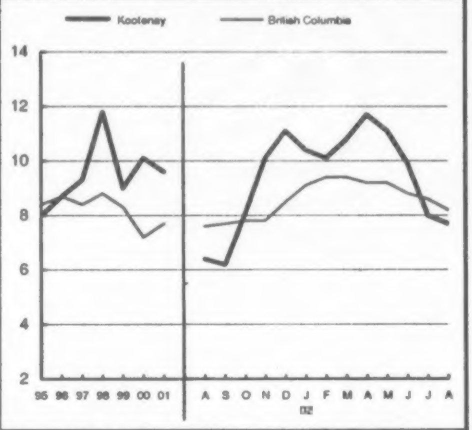
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	69.9	10.2	216.0	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	72.0	9.2	218.7	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	72.6	8.4	221.8	9.2	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	73.7	6.4	220.7	10.3	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	74.3	6.2	221.5	10.1	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	74.0	8.1	218.6	8.7	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	73.3	10.1	212.6	7.8	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	71.6	11.1	204.2	8.5	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	70.7	10.4	198.3	9.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	70.1	10.1	197.4	10.2	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	69.5	10.8	199.3	10.3	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	66.9	11.7	201.7	10.4	1,920.8	9.2
	May	66.3	11.1	205.5	10.3	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	66.5	9.9	212.8	10.1	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	69.6	8.0	217.0	9.6	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	71.0	7.7	219.1	9.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	71.6	9.2	216.4	9.6	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	69.0	9.6	208.8	10.1	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-3.5		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



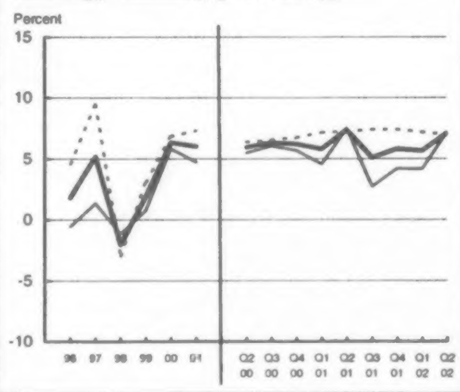
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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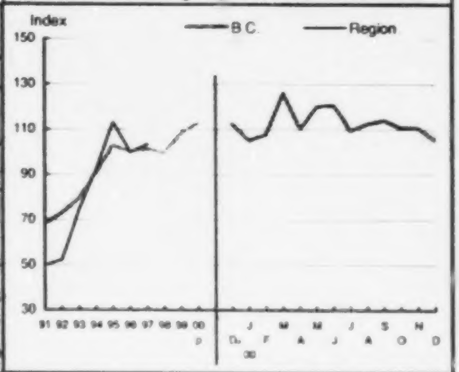
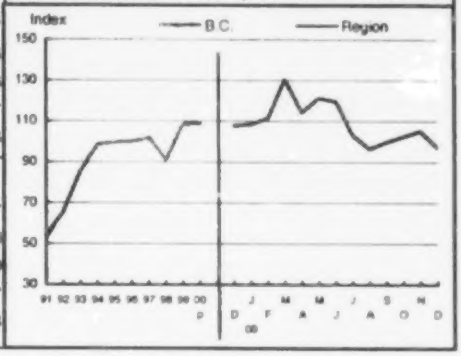
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	1	1	0
25	Wood	13	12	13	16	16
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	8	9	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	4	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	29	28	33	37	34
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	224.9	**	**	**	283.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	218.9	233.7	259.6	252.4	275.6
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	376.6	466.3	571.3	505.5	522.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,052	**	**	**	1,126
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,002	852	1,002	924	1,046
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,740	1,577	1,743	1,635	1,846
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.4	**	**	**	48.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	40.6	35.6	45.5	40.8	46.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.1	71.5	84.4	78.1	87.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

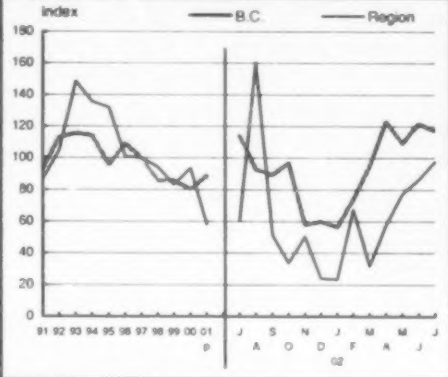


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	84.1	21.6	2.3	8.7	10.5	62.5	568
1995	82.0	35.4	1.1	11.5	22.9	46.6	480
1996	62.8	19.7	0.7	16.0	3.1	43.1	435
1997	62.0	12.0	1.1	9.5	1.5	50.0	445
1998	58.5	18.1	4.0	8.7	5.4	40.4	356
1999	51.7	14.3	1.6	8.4	4.3	37.3	351
2000	58.0	26.9	3.9	8.3	14.7	31.1	244
2001	36.1	10.9	1.6	4.2	5.1	25.2	203
YTD Jul '01	19.5	5.9	0.9	2.5	2.5	13.7	86
YTD Jul '02	22.9	7.7	1.8	5.4	0.4	15.2	90

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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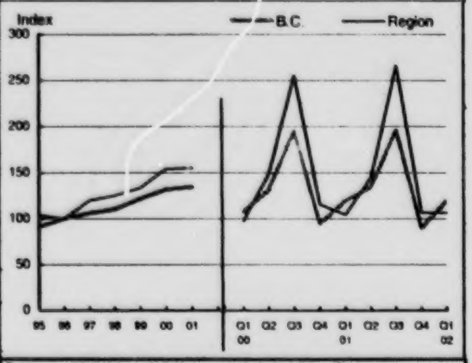
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Kootenay Regional District	1998	13.468.2	2,257.0	3,483.2	5,508.9	2,219.1
	1999	14.351.6	2,279.4	3,670.4	5,962.7	2,439.1
	2000	16.567.9	2,625.4	3,987.5	6,843.7	3,111.3
	2001	16.689.2	2,801.1	3,885.1	7,139.9	2,863.1
	2002	2.866.3	2,866.3			
British Columbia	1998	1.206.089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1.329.347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441.606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473.353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325.628.9	325,628.9			

Central Kootenay 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16.689.2	100.0%
Hotels	8.819.8	52.8%
Motels	5.671.7	34.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

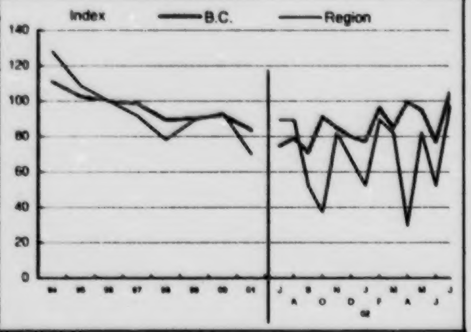


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	206
1995	175
1996	161
1997	148
1998	126
1999	144
2000	150
2001	113
Jan-Jul 01	69
Jan-Jul 02	65

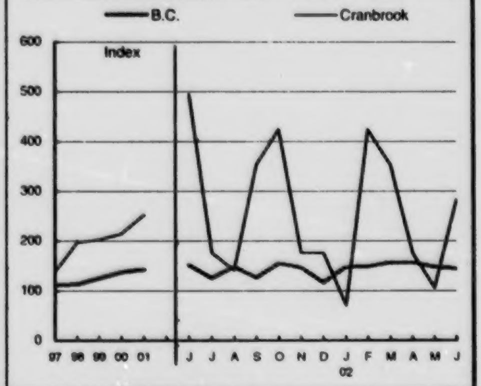
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



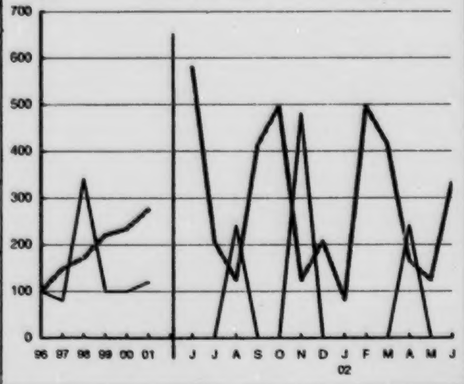
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	42	3	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	39	1	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Sep '99	7.7	11.0	9.0	6.7	3.7
	Dec '99	7.6	10.6	8.7	6.8	3.5
	Mar '00	7.9	11.1	9.4	7.0	3.5
	Jun '00	7.7	11.0	8.4	6.8	3.6
	Sep '00	7.3	10.6	7.6	6.5	3.6
	Dec '00	7.1	10.0	7.7	6.4	3.3
	Mar '01	7.2	10.4	8.5	6.3	3.2
	Jun '01	7.3	10.6	8.1	6.4	3.4
	Sep '01	6.9	10.3	7.4	6.0	3.3
	Dec '01	6.5	9.4	6.9	5.8	3.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

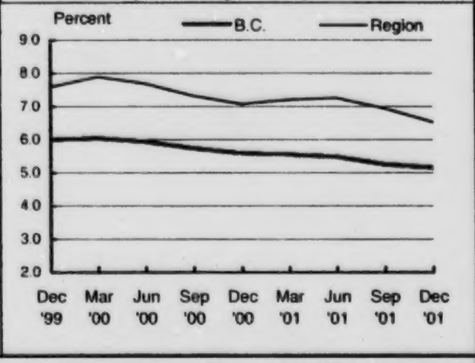
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	3.4	3.6	1.3	Sep '99
4.4	5.5	4.8	2.0	Dec '99
5.0	6.0	5.5	2.2	Mar '00
2.9	3.0	3.3	1.5	Jun '00
2.6	2.8	2.9	1.0	Sep '00
4.6	5.0	5.1	2.1	Dec '00
5.4	5.4	6.0	2.8	Mar '01
3.1	3.0	3.5	1.6	Jun '01
2.8	2.4	3.3	1.3	Sep '01

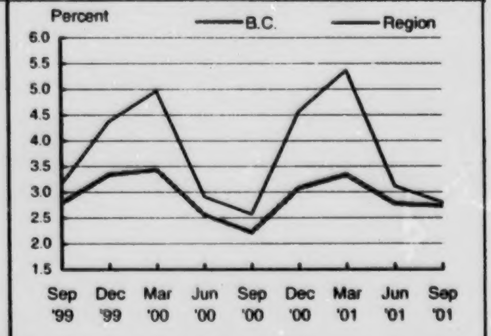
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,431	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.1	41.4
1-2 Years	18.7	17.5
>2 Years	36.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

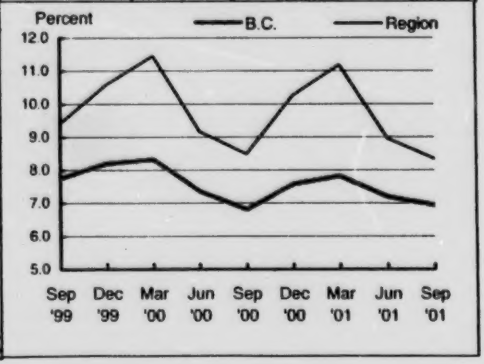
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Sep '99	9.4	12.2	10.2	4.5
	Dec '99	10.6	13.9	11.4	5.1
	Mar '00	11.5	15.1	12.4	5.2
	Jun '00	9.2	11.3	10.0	4.4
	Sep '00	8.5	10.2	9.3	4.0
	Dec '00	10.3	12.5	11.2	4.9
	Mar '01	11.2	13.6	12.2	5.7
	Jun '01	9.0	10.9	9.8	4.3
	Sep '01	8.3	9.5	9.2	4.3

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many resource dependent regions in the province, this area experienced net migration outflows in the mid-eighties due to the downturn in the resource sectors. However, net migration to this region through the mid-nineties was fairly high, becoming negative in the last few years.

The median age of the population in this region is higher than the provincial median age. This is reflected in the proportion of elderly in the population, which is higher than the corresponding provincial figure.

14 Projection

Job losses in the forestry sector combined with those resulting from the completion of dams will likely lead to some out-migration in the short-term. Construction activity associated with further dam upgrading and expansion will provide some employment. Over the long-term, net migration should become positive as the resource sector recuperates and the economy diversifies, more than offsetting losses due to more deaths than births. This will result in a trend towards population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	12.0	6.1	12.5	10.6	5.5	50.2	16.8	0.534	0.187	0.721	1976
1981	3.8	11.2	6.0	15.3	10.5	6.6	53.4	19.6	0.470	0.209	0.678	1981
1986	3.6	9.7	4.5	14.9	10.6	7.6	50.9	20.1	0.442	0.253	0.695	1986
1991	3.4	9.7	4.3	15.5	11.3	8.1	52.3	20.7	0.422	0.259	0.682	1991
1996	3.4	11.4	4.9	17.4	14.4	8.8	60.3	24.2	0.403	0.239	0.642	1996
2001	2.7	10.3	6.0	15.3	16.4	9.1	59.8	24.8	0.344	0.241	0.585	2001
2006	2.6	8.8	5.7	14.1	18.1	10.0	59.3	26.6	0.298	0.264	0.561	2006
2011	2.7	8.1	5.4	15.4	19.6	11.1	62.2	29.5	0.269	0.274	0.543	2011
2016	2.9	8.1	4.9	16.8	19.5	13.2	65.4	32.0	0.268	0.320	0.588	2016
2021	2.9	8.5	4.4	18.0	18.7	15.5	68.0	33.5	0.278	0.376	0.653	2021
2026	2.7	8.9	4.5	17.6	19.0	17.5	70.3	34.9	0.283	0.425	0.709	2026
2031	2.6	8.8	4.9	16.7	20.2	18.8	72.0	36.3	0.275	0.450	0.724	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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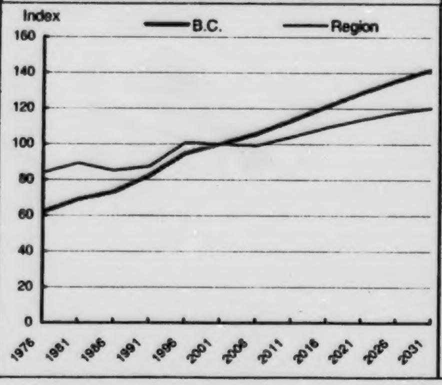

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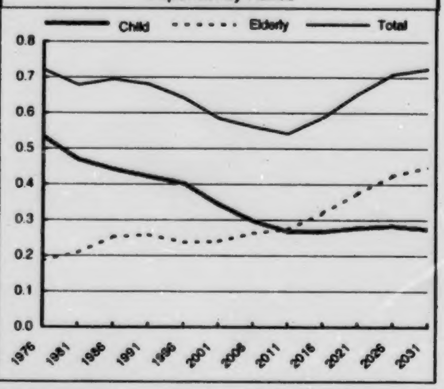

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

QRS
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Kelowna, Lake Country, Peachland

The economy of this region is well diversified. Tourism, forestry, and agriculture all are important industries in the region. The warm climate makes this area one of the more important agricultural centres (for tree fruits and wine grapes) in the province and is one of the attractions for tourists. It also makes the region a popular retirement centre.

The stability of the agricultural and tourism sectors and the popularity of the region as a retirement centre should ensure continued growth for this region. The Coquihalla highway has made this area even more popular as a tourist destination, and the improved transportation links to the Lower Mainland have enhanced the Central Okanagan as a place to locate secondary industry.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	6,182	5,653	529	212	33	6,427	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	246	345	17	6	1	369	5.7%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	19	33	1	0	0	34	0.5%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	14	12	1	1	0	14	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	1,306	835	64	16	0	915	14.2%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	258	251	44	23	7	325	5.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	326	352	25	6	1	384	6.0%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	453	642	73	32	4	751	11.7%	11.3%	17,806
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	245	183	14	10	4	211	3.3%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	50	37	9	6	0	52	0.8%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	343	232	26	8	1	267	4.2%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	832	290	22	12	2	326	5.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	688	575	21	6	1	603	9.4%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	376	177	20	5	1	203	3.2%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	279	276	21	5	0	302	4.7%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	48	59	3	1	2	65	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	53	505	34	16	4	559	8.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	80	92	20	7	2	121	1.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	199	261	95	48	1	405	6.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	366	475	17	3	0	495	7.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	21	2	1	2	26	0.4%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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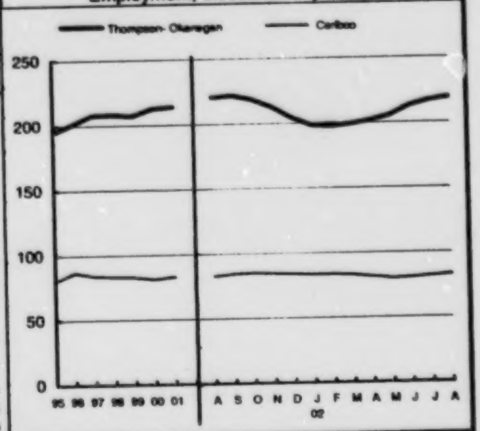
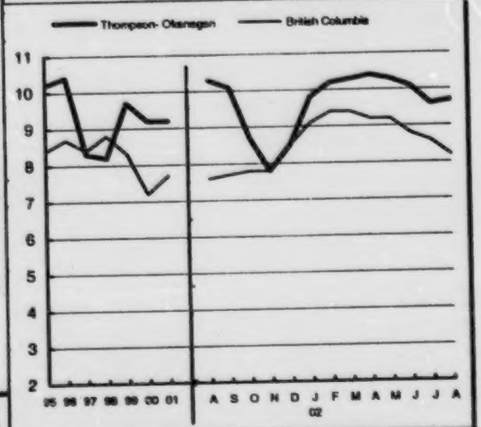
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	221.5	10.1	84.6	9.3	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	218.6	8.7	85.2	8.4	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	212.6	7.8	84.5	7.9	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	204.2	8.5	84.0	9.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	198.3	9.8	83.5	11.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	197.4	10.2	83.7	12.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	199.3	10.3	82.9	13.0	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	201.7	10.4	81.7	13.3	1,920.8	9.2
	May	205.5	10.3	80.0	14.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	212.8	10.1	80.8	13.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	217.0	9.6	81.8	13.7	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	219.1	9.7	83.0	12.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	208.8	10.1	82.0	13.5	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-0.4		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



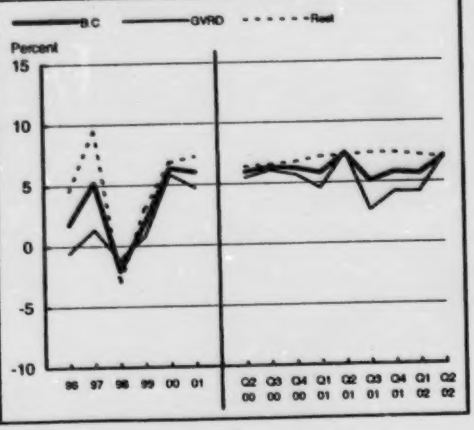
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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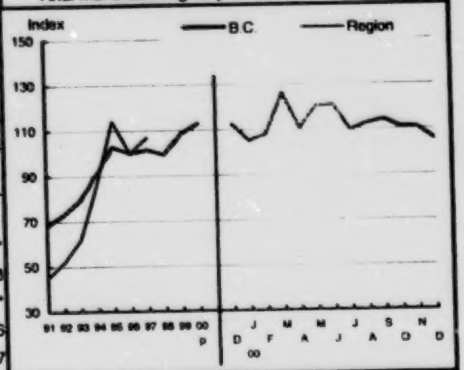
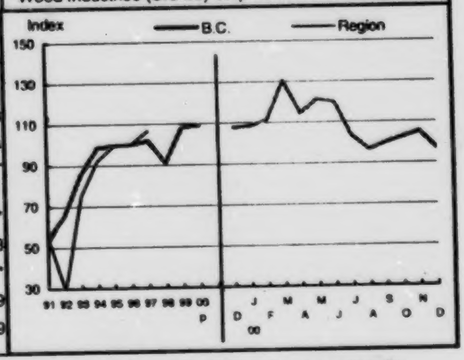
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	3	4	4	3
25	Wood	22	23	21	21	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	4	3	3
30	Metal Fabricating	17	17	18	23	24
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	106	122	135	131
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	153.9	189.1	203.9	205.1	218.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	48.0	48.3	53.5	56.1	62.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	640.1	890.0	1,175.9	1,031.0	1,101.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,103	1,144	991	887	999
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	553	494	546	551	598
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,271	4,828	5,349	4,802	5,044
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.1	47.8	45.6	46.7	49.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	16.6	15.2	18.2	19.7	20.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	143.6	171.3	193.3	180.7	189.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

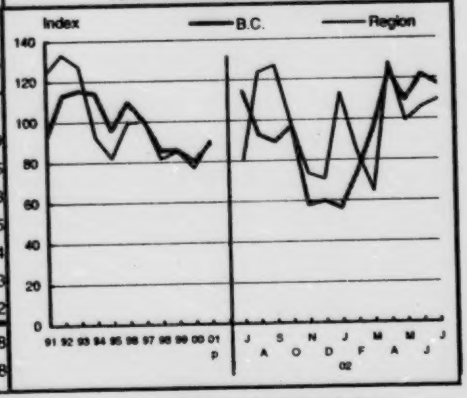


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	195.0	55.0	10.2	34.6	10.2	139.9	1,391
1995	173.3	58.1	8.2	28.9	20.9	115.2	1,190
1996	209.8	70.6	7.8	37.0	25.8	139.2	1,555
1997	210.9	63.7	13.0	34.9	15.7	147.2	1,433
1998	172.0	79.0	17.0	55.8	6.1	93.0	895
1999	179.4	77.5	8.7	32.1	36.7	102.0	1,004
2000	162.4	71.6	14.4	31.6	25.6	90.8	833
2001	189.8	66.7	4.1	37.0	25.6	123.0	992
YTD Jul '01	103.1	33.6	2.9	19.8	10.9	69.5	528
YTD Jul '02	123.7	23.0	3.1	17.1	2.7	100.7	868

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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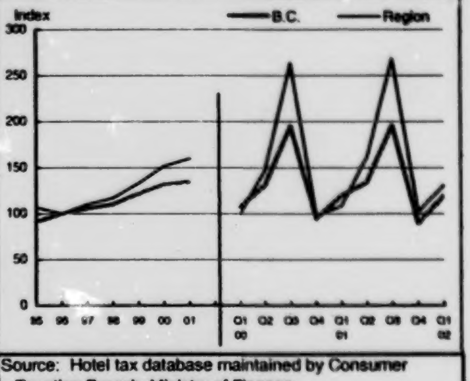
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Okanagan Regional District	1998	43,313.4	7,253.0	11,112.1	18,056.4	6,892.0
	1999	49,068.3	8,952.3	11,900.4	20,333.0	7,882.5
	2000	56,024.0	9,215.3	13,569.1	24,295.8	8,943.8
	2001	59,015.6	10,010.9	14,868.6	24,727.4	9,408.7
	2002	12,047.4	12,047.4			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Central Okanagan 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	59,015.6	100.0%
Hotels	40,966.0	69.4%
Motels	10,997.7	18.6%
Vacation Rentals	4,883.9	8.3%
City of Kelowna	52,326.0	88.7%
Motels	10,574.5	17.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

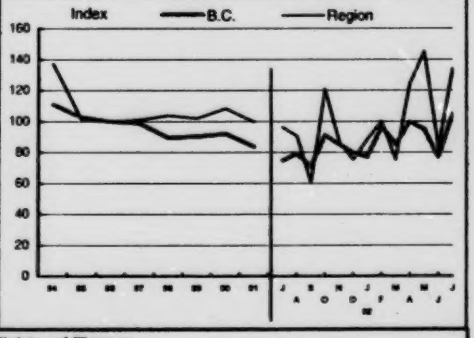


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	873
1995	642
1996	637
1997	644
1998	662
1999	649
2000	690
2001	635
Jan-Jul 01	405
Jan-Jul 02	398

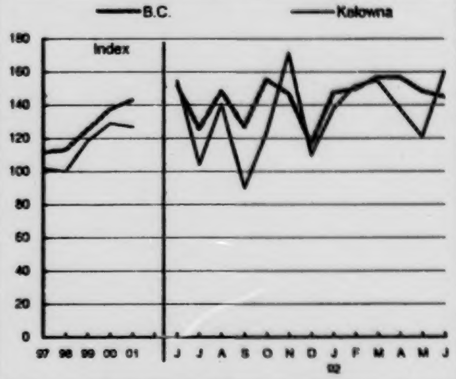
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



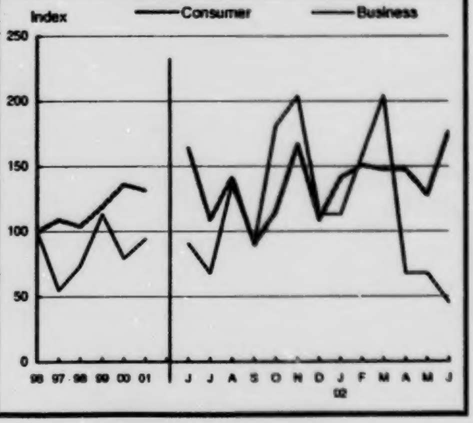
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	407	29	646	120	7,366	895
1998	389	39	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	446	60	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	509	42	983	148	9,181	976
2001	492	50	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	264	15	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	278	29	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Sep '99	5.6	8.5	7.2	4.6	3.0
	Dec '99	5.6	8.2	7.5	4.6	2.9
	Mar '00	5.8	8.5	7.6	4.8	2.8
	Jun '00	5.5	8.2	7.1	4.5	2.8
	Sep '00	5.5	8.4	6.9	4.4	2.9
	Dec '00	5.4	8.0	6.9	4.4	2.7
	Mar '01	5.6	8.3	7.4	4.5	2.7
	Jun '01	5.3	8.1	6.6	4.2	2.7
	Sep '01	5.0	7.8	6.1	4.0	2.6
	Dec '01	4.9	7.3	6.0	4.1	2.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

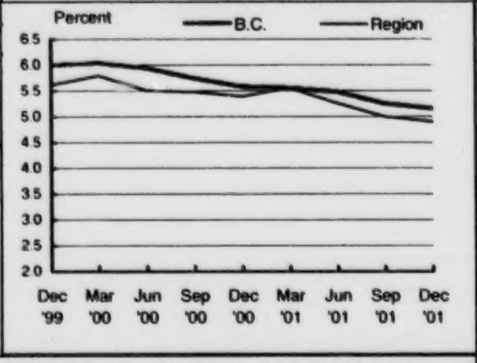
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
3.2	3.2	3.5	1.8	Sep '99
4.0	4.2	4.3	2.4	Dec '99
4.5	4.6	4.9	2.5	Mar '00
3.4	3.7	3.6	2.0	Jun '00
2.9	3.1	3.2	1.5	Sep '00
4.5	4.9	4.8	2.5	Dec '00
5.1	5.8	5.5	2.8	Mar '01
3.8	4.2	4.2	2.0	Jun '01
3.6	3.3	4.1	1.9	Sep '01

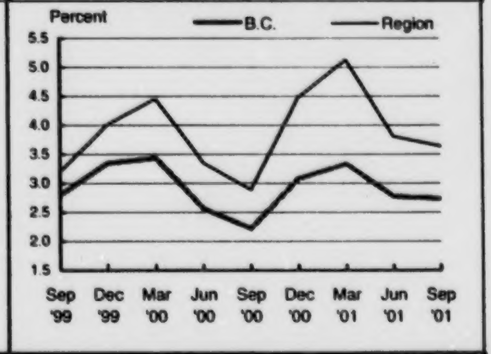
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	6,210	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.4	41.4
1-2 Years	20.1	17.5
>2 Years	32.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

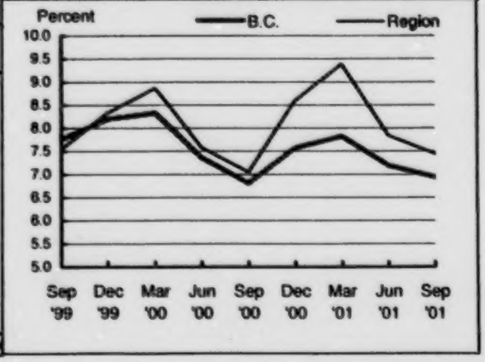
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Sep '99	7.5	10.1	7.9	4.0
	Dec '99	8.3	11.2	8.7	4.6
	Mar '00	8.9	11.7	9.3	4.9
	Jun '00	7.6	10.4	7.9	4.2
	Sep '00	7.1	9.7	7.4	3.7
	Dec '00	8.6	11.4	9.0	4.8
	Mar '01	9.4	12.6	9.8	5.1
	Jun '01	7.8	10.5	8.2	4.1
	Sep '01	7.4	9.2	7.9	3.9

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

High inflows of interprovincial migrants have resulted in the population of this area more than doubling in the last 25 years. This region was one of the highest growth areas in the province through the nineties.

Due to the presence of a large retirement base, the median age of the population is higher than the provincial median. Since women tend to live longer than men, this also helps explain the bias towards females in the gender ratio. The ratio of females to males is higher than the provincial ratio. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is higher than the ratio for the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The diversity of the economy and the pleasant climate make this area one of the more popular locations to move to in the province. This will likely continue to be the case for some time and this region can expect to continue to receive large net inflows of migrants throughout the projection period. As the population ages and fertility rates drop, deaths will exceed births. Despite the reduction in natural increase, population growth in this area will remain strong due to the net inflows of migrants.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

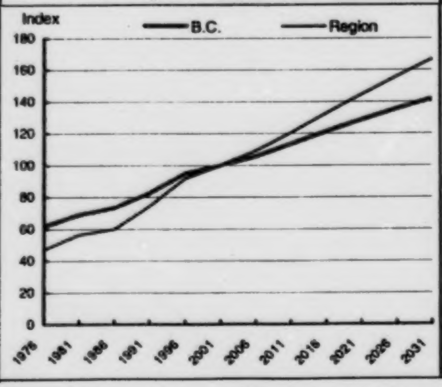
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.6	17.3	8.4	18.2	15.3	9.0	72.9	24.4	0.524	0.215	0.739	1976
1981	5.3	17.2	10.3	23.5	18.6	12.5	87.3	31.9	0.428	0.238	0.666	1981
1986	5.6	16.0	9.5	25.8	20.4	15.5	92.8	36.4	0.388	0.278	0.667	1986
1991	7.1	19.0	9.8	34.1	24.7	20.0	114.7	44.5	0.380	0.291	0.671	1991
1996	8.3	24.0	12.1	42.5	31.2	23.9	141.9	55.8	0.377	0.279	0.656	1996
2001	7.1	25.6	13.6	43.6	37.3	27.7	154.9	63.6	0.346	0.293	0.639	2001
2006	7.2	24.6	15.1	45.7	45.3	31.0	168.9	73.9	0.299	0.292	0.591	2006
2011	7.9	24.4	15.9	50.4	53.8	34.2	186.5	85.5	0.269	0.285	0.554	2011
2016	8.6	25.3	16.1	56.1	59.5	39.6	205.3	97.1	0.258	0.301	0.559	2016
2021	9.2	27.3	15.6	60.9	64.2	46.4	223.6	107.2	0.259	0.330	0.589	2021
2026	9.5	29.1	16.5	63.3	68.3	54.4	241.2	116.9	0.261	0.367	0.628	2026
2031	9.7	30.4	17.8	64.5	73.5	62.2	258.1	126.9	0.258	0.400	0.657	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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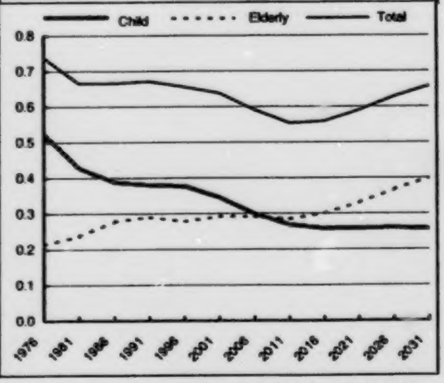

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Sicamous

The economy of this region is based on forestry, tourism and services and construction related to rail transportation and hydro facilities. In the past, the Revelstoke area was the beneficiary of several mega-projects, and as a result, received large inflows of migrants. However, once the projects were completed, many of these people moved on, suggesting the construction activity was artificially propping up the population. The Golden area has experienced a surge in population related to the construction and operation of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, which opened during 2000.

The resource sectors in this region have been struggling over the last few years with mill and mine closures occurring. The Evans Forest Products' mill has managed to stay operating. However, if the Evans mill ever does shut down permanently, there will likely be significant population effects for this area. There are some promising mineral deposits in the region that could lead to future mine development.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Columbia-Shuswap								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em-ployees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,066	1,971	124	62	9	2,166	100.0%		100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	255	228	10	0	0	238	11.0%		5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	7	6	0	0	0	6	0.3%		0.5%	778
22	Utilities	4	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%		0.1%	154
23	Construction	381	286	5	5	0	296	13.7%		10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	92	104	6	13	4	127	5.9%		5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	67	70	6	0	0	76	3.5%		6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	158	263	14	11	0	288	13.3%		11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	136	93	9	1	0	103	4.8%		4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	22	18	0	0	0	18	0.8%		1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	83	37	4	1	0	42	1.9%		3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	265	79	8	2	0	89	4.1%		4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	154	147	3	0	0	150	6.9%		11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	87	29	1	2	0	32	1.5%		2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	69	79	1	1	1	82	3.8%		4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	9	10	1	1	3	15	0.7%		1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	118	10	5	1	134	6.2%		8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	41	50	6	3	0	59	2.7%		1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	104	191	38	14	0	243	11.2%		7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	120	156	1	0	0	157	7.2%		7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	5	1	3	0	9	0.4%		0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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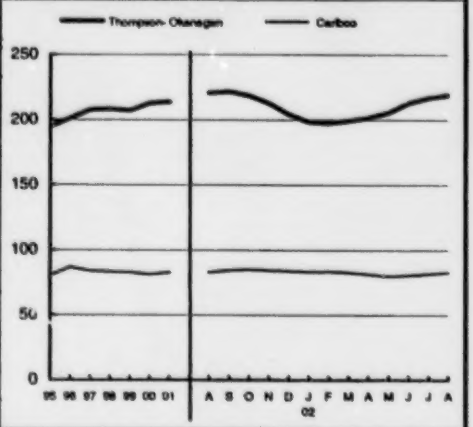
Regional District

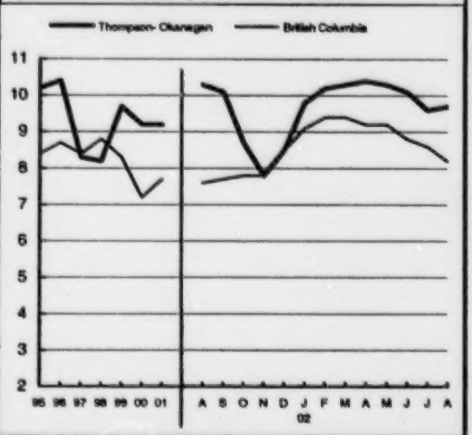
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	221.5	10.1	84.6	9.3	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	218.6	8.7	85.2	8.4	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	212.6	7.8	84.5	7.9	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	204.2	8.5	84.0	9.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	198.3	9.8	83.5	11.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	197.4	10.2	83.7	12.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	199.3	10.3	82.9	13.0	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	201.7	10.4	81.7	13.3	1,920.8	9.2
	May	205.5	10.3	80.0	14.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	212.8	10.1	80.8	13.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	217.0	9.6	81.8	13.7	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	219.1	9.7	83.0	12.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	208.8	10.1	82.0	13.5	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-0.4		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



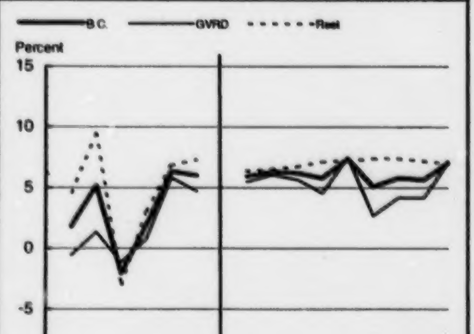
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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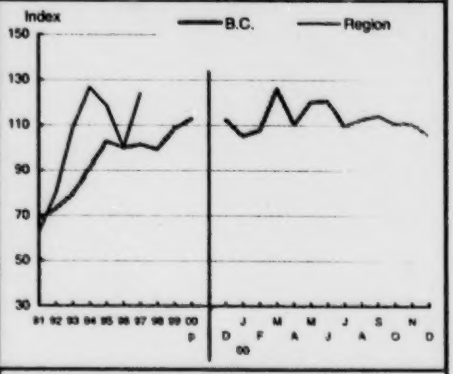
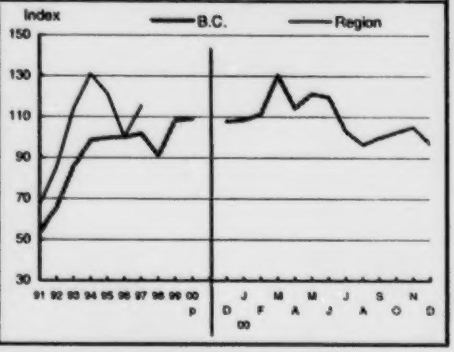
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	2	3	2
25	Wood	21	19	19	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	15	14	15	18	17
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	6	6	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	45	42	48	51	49
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	6.9	**
25	Wood	294.0	337.6	312.6	257.7	297.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	204.9	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.4	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	384.0	448.0	420.2	353.8	438.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	20	**
25	Wood	1,415	1,429	1,322	1,145	1,230
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	952	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	37	38	39	32	40
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,910	2,061	1,982	1,740	1,939
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	0.7	**
25	Wood	59.4	65.9	61.7	52.0	54.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	39.7	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.2	92.1	89.8	78.7	89.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

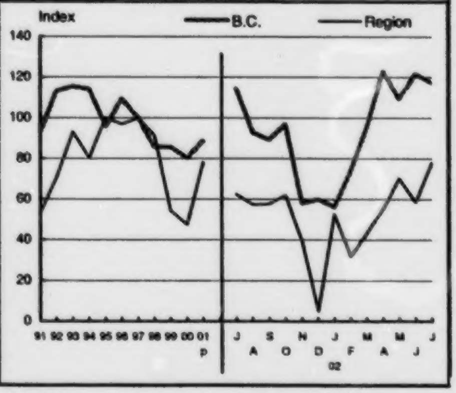


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	43.0	10.9	1.5	7.8	1.7	32.0	280
1995	53.5	18.5	3.8	14.2	0.6	35.0	371
1996	51.8	24.3	3.3	6.1	15.0	27.5	275
1997	53.4	19.9	6.8	9.6	3.6	33.5	321
1998	48.7	34.3	1.9	21.7	10.6	14.5	94
1999	29.2	13.9	1.1	9.1	3.7	15.3	124
2000	25.4	13.6	3.0	7.6	3.1	11.7	77
2001	41.8	28.4	0.9	19.0	8.6	13.4	94
YTD Jul '01	31.9	24.3	0.8	17.1	6.5	7.6	52
YTD Jul '02	17.4	7.3	1.9	5.0	0.5	10.1	83

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

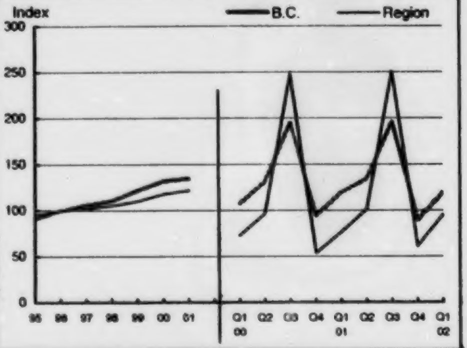
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	1998	27,681.0	4,213.6	6,069.1	14,306.7	3,091.5
	1999	28,932.7	4,168.0	6,629.2	14,863.5	3,272.0
	2000	30,937.8	4,793.8	6,335.9	16,282.1	3,525.9
	2001	32,200.6	5,028.5	6,667.4	16,485.3	4,019.4
	2002	6,258.7	6,258.7			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,069.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Columbia-Shuswap 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	32,052.6	100.0%
Hotels	13,727.6	42.8%
Motels	12,885.2	40.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

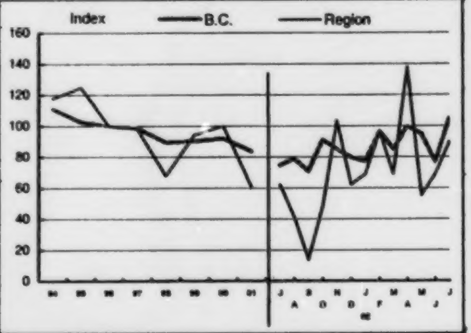


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	205
1995	217
1996	174
1997	171
1998	118
1999	164
2000	174
2001	106
Jan-Jul 01	67
Jan-Jul 02	85

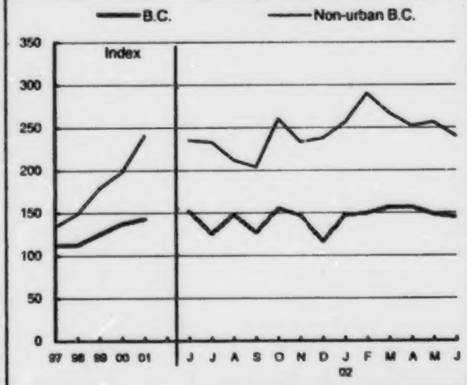
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



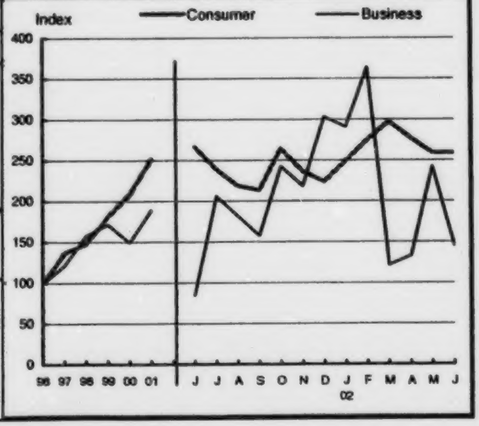
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
2001	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot Female 19-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Sep '99	5.7	8.3	6.6	4.8	3.0
	Dec '99	6.1	8.8	8.1	5.0	3.1
	Mar '00	6.5	9.5	8.4	5.4	2.9
	Jun '00	6.2	9.2	7.5	5.2	3.0
	Sep '00	6.1	9.1	7.1	5.1	3.2
	Dec '00	6.2	9.1	7.3	5.3	3.0
	Mar '01	6.4	9.5	7.6	5.4	3.0
	Jun '01	6.0	9.2	7.1	4.9	3.0
	Sep '01	5.3	8.3	5.2	4.4	3.0
	Dec '01	5.5	8.6	6.1	4.6	3.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

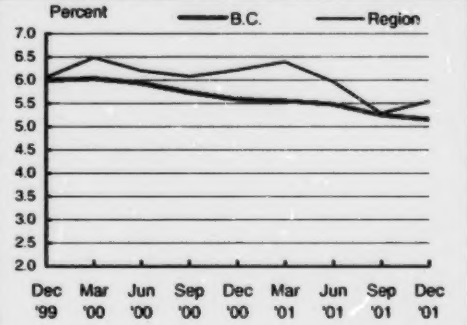
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.3	3.2	3.8	1.6	Sep '99
5.0	6.1	5.4	2.4	Dec '99
5.9	6.7	6.5	2.9	Mar '00
3.0	3.4	3.3	1.6	Jun '00
2.7	2.8	3.0	1.3	Sep '00
5.1	6.1	5.4	3.0	Dec '00
5.6	6.4	6.1	3.5	Mar '01
3.4	3.7	3.7	2.0	Jun '01
3.2	3.3	3.6	1.5	Sep '01

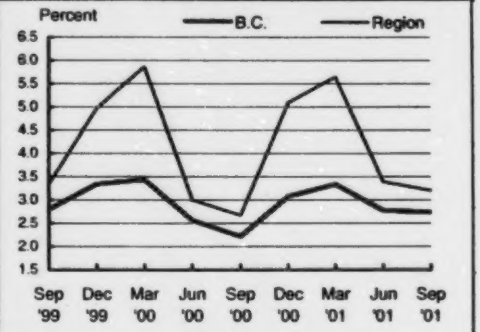
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,498	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.3	41.4
1-2 Years	17.2	17.5
>2 Years	32.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

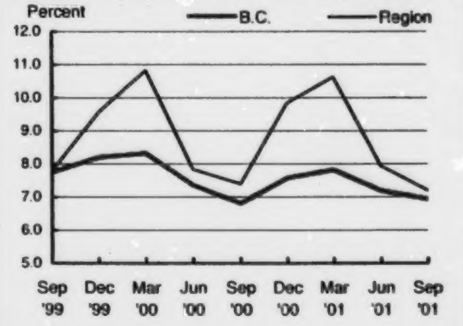
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Sep '99	7.8	9.5	8.4	4.3
	Dec '99	9.6	13.5	10.1	5.0
	Mar '00	10.8	14.6	11.5	5.4
	Jun '00	7.8	10.7	8.3	4.2
	Sep '00	7.4	9.7	7.9	3.6
	Dec '00	9.8	12.8	10.4	5.6
	Mar '01	10.6	13.7	11.2	6.0
	Jun '01	7.9	10.7	8.3	4.3
	Sep '01	7.2	8.4	7.9	3.6

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

13 Demographics

Net migration has fluctuated between negative and positive figures over the last two decades with some out-migration again in recent years; however, over all it has contributed to population growth. The climate of the region has drawn a large number of retirees, particularly to the Salmon Arm area, and as a result, the median age of the region's population is higher than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is only slightly higher than the provincial figure.

14 Projection

Losses in the forest and mining sectors will dampen migration to this area somewhat, but the proximity of Salmon Arm to the Northern Okanagan, should result in spin-off growth from those areas. As a result, migration to the region as a whole will likely be positive, although at lower levels than those experienced in the mid-nineties. The end result will be reasonably strong population growth for this region over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

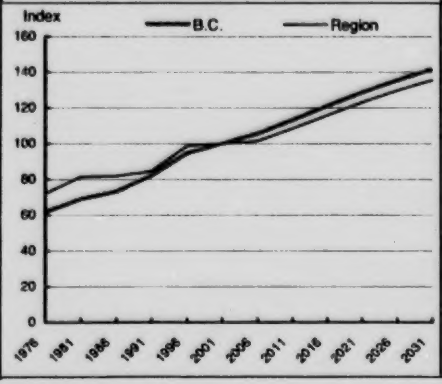
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.7	9.6	4.6	9.6	7.1	2.8	36.4	11.5	0.576	0.131	0.707	1976
1981	3.2	9.0	5.3	11.9	8.0	3.7	41.1	14.3	0.482	0.148	0.631	1981
1986	3.0	8.1	4.3	12.7	8.5	4.8	41.4	15.6	0.439	0.188	0.626	1986
1991	3.0	8.1	3.5	13.1	9.3	5.8	42.7	16.3	0.429	0.224	0.653	1991
1996	3.0	9.5	3.8	14.9	11.7	7.1	50.0	19.5	0.411	0.233	0.644	1996
2001	2.2	9.0	4.8	13.6	13.2	7.7	50.5	20.5	0.354	0.243	0.597	2001
2006	2.1	7.6	4.9	12.5	15.2	8.9	51.2	22.6	0.298	0.272	0.570	2006
2011	2.4	6.9	4.8	13.4	17.0	10.2	54.8	25.6	0.265	0.289	0.554	2011
2016	2.5	6.9	4.6	15.1	17.4	12.0	58.6	28.4	0.256	0.322	0.578	2016
2021	2.7	7.6	3.8	17.0	17.1	14.0	62.2	30.3	0.271	0.368	0.638	2021
2026	2.6	8.2	4.0	16.9	17.5	16.3	65.6	32.2	0.281	0.424	0.705	2026
2031	2.5	8.5	4.4	16.1	18.9	18.1	68.4	34.2	0.278	0.459	0.736	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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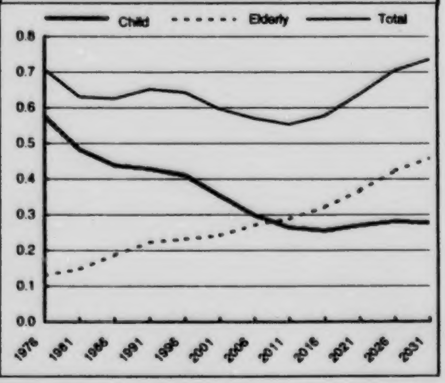

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos

Forestry is the most important economic activity in this region. Some of the smaller municipalities, in particular, are highly dependent on the forest sector. Other important resource sectors in this region are mining and fishing. There are currently two major mines in the region: the Quinsam Coal Mine and the Myra Falls Mine, both near Campbell River.

Developments that will affect the population of this region include the closure of the pulp mill at Gold River, the closure of the Tahsis lumber mill, and the closures of the coal and metal mines some time during the projection. The pulp mill closure has had an impact on the town of Gold River and has already resulted in some population movement from the area. The Tahsis mill closure will likely result in substantial net migration outflows beginning in 2001. The mines are not scheduled to close for some time, but when they do, there will likely be a significant population impact. The Quinsam mine has experienced some major layoffs in the last few years and there may be population impacts as a result.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Comox-Strathcona							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,482	3,526	239	88	23	3,876	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	438	416	27	17	5	465	12.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	8	7	0	2	1	10	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	653	414	18	7	0	439	11.3%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	158	153	5	10	5	173	4.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	112	128	9	1	0	138	3.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	264	478	34	9	3	524	13.5%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	185	159	8	1	0	168	4.3%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	31	19	6	0	0	25	0.6%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	134	85	9	2	0	96	2.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	426	150	8	1	0	159	4.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	332	323	9	0	0	332	8.6%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	173	57	3	1	0	61	1.6%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	134	162	7	4	0	173	4.5%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	17	35	1	1	3	40	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	24	309	27	8	3	347	9.0%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	60	74	9	0	1	84	2.2%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	131	239	46	19	0	304	7.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	200	301	8	2	0	311	8.0%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	16	5	3	2	26	0.7%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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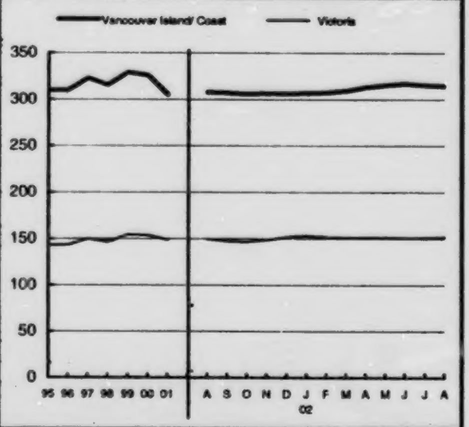
Regional District

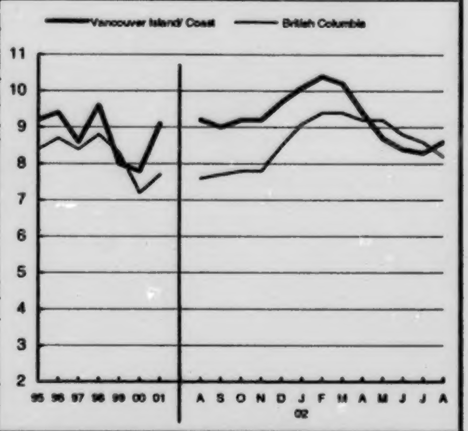
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2001 Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
Sep	307.2	9.0	147.5	6.5	1,962.8	7.7
Oct	305.8	9.2	146.8	6.1	1,943.5	7.8
Nov	306.6	9.2	148.6	5.7	1,927.8	7.8
Dec	306.3	9.7	151.9	5.9	1,912.9	8.5
2002 Jan	306.9	10.1	153.2	6.4	1,905.0	9.1
Feb	307.5	10.4	151.7	7.4	1,901.0	9.4
Mar	309.3	10.2	151.2	7.9	1,908.0	9.4
Apr	313.0	9.4	151.1	7.6	1,920.8	9.2
May	315.5	8.7	151.6	6.9	1,940.1	9.2
Jun	317.1	8.4	150.8	6.9	1,970.2	8.8
Jul	315.7	8.3	151.2	7.0	1,998.5	8.6
Aug	314.5	8.6	151.8	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
Jan-Aug02	313.1	9.2	151.5	7.3	1,961.6	8.9
% Change	2.8		2.1		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



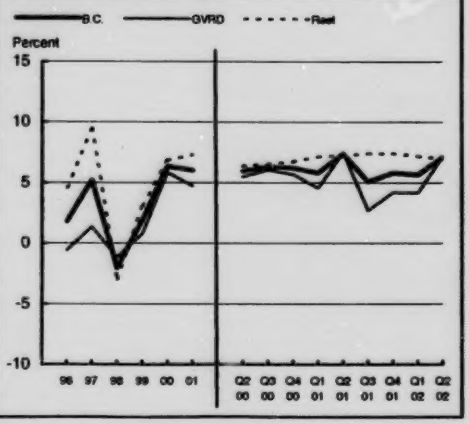
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
Quarterly data	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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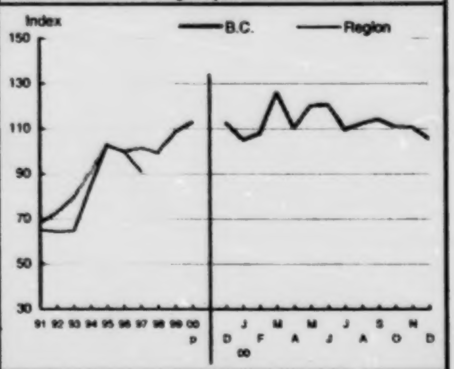
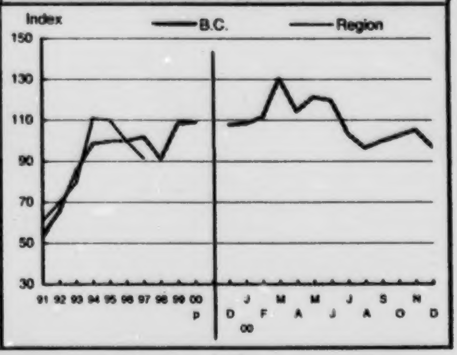
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	7	7	7	8	8
25	Wood	17	17	19	25	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	7	8	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	5	7	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	58	58	68	81	79
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	36.0	**	**	**	52.7
25	Wood	230.7	322.0	319.1	290.1	265.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	213.2	303.6	302.2	271.9	243.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	9.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	713.9	933.2	1,131.0	1,105.0	1,006.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	207	**	**	**	313
25	Wood	1,135	1,145	902	920	881
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	976	966	772	792	723
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	87
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,419	3,460	3,195	3,189	3,533
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	6.5	**	**	**	8.5
25	Wood	51.2	55.2	50.2	49.6	42.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	46.2	50.0	45.7	45.6	36.9
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	3.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	154.4	163.1	157.0	169.8	178.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

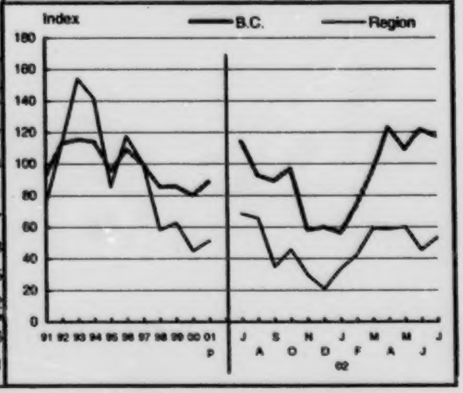


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	192.3	27.5	3.5	18.9	5.1	164.8	2,127
1995	116.1	39.5	6.1	24.8	8.6	76.6	707
1996	159.4	65.3	7.7	27.6	30.0	94.1	884
1997	135.6	45.9	2.2	33.8	9.9	89.8	831
1998	79.0	33.9	3.9	20.4	9.7	45.1	407
1999	85.2	47.5	19.8	11.5	16.2	37.7	353
2000	60.9	35.2	3.9	9.9	21.4	25.7	145
2001	69.7	35.6	7.6	14.9	13.0	34.1	232
YTD Jul '01	47.5	26.5	7.1	10.3	9.0	21.0	146
YTD Jul '02	39.9	8.3	0.3	4.9	3.1	31.6	221

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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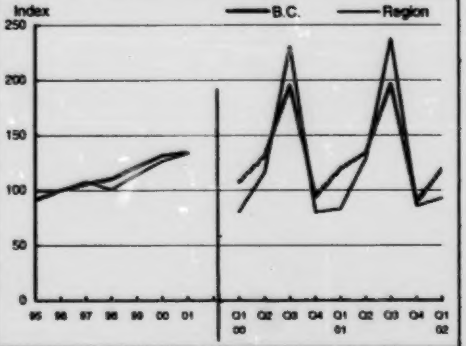
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	1998	19,355.0	3,214.5	4,615.6	8,272.1	3,252.8
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	1999	21,938.0	3,521.0	4,998.9	9,748.4	3,669.8
	2000	24,323.9	3,859.6	5,568.3	11,040.2	3,855.9
	2001	25,639.8	3,998.1	6,173.9	11,352.3	4,115.5
	2002	4,458.2	4,458.2			
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,608.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Comox-Strathcona 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	25,629.0	100.0%
Fishing lodges	4,725.4	18.4%
Hotels	7,504.7	29.3%
Motels	8,072.3	31.5%
Vacation Rentals	2,728.0	10.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

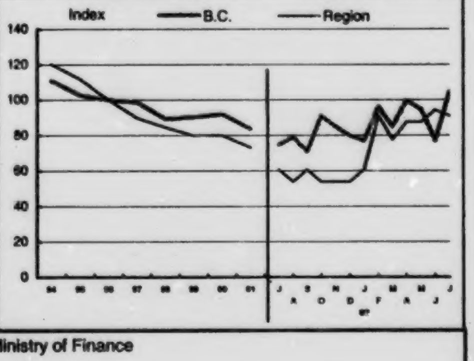


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	428
1995	398
1996	356
1997	320
1998	301
1999	285
2000	285
2001	261
Jan-Jul 01	179
Jan-Jul 02	175

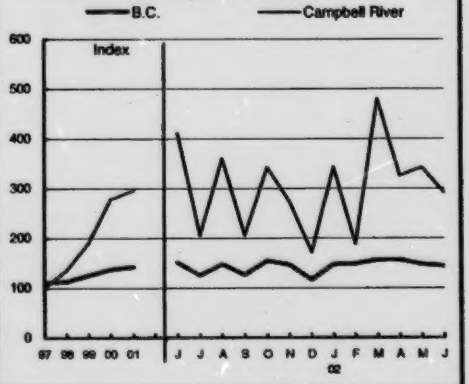
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



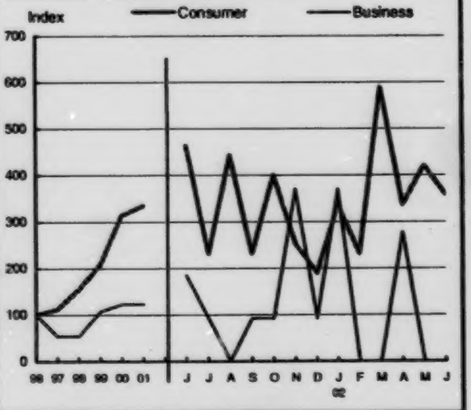
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Campbell River		Courtenay		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	64	7	100	11	7,366	895
1998	88	7	112	28	7,327	1,031
1999	119	14	146	20	8,179	1,075
2000	179	16	173	10	9,181	976
2001	191	16	152	11	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	108	8	84	8	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	108	7	82	9	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

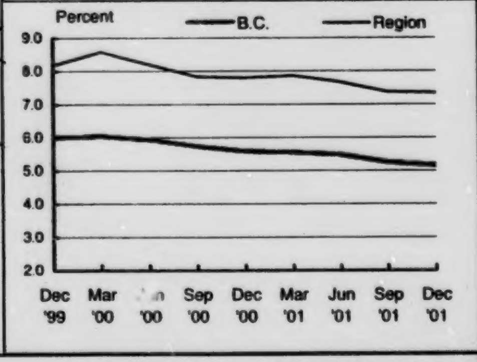
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Sep '99	8.5	11.8	11.9	7.1	4.2
	Dec '99	8.2	11.1	11.5	7.0	3.9
	Mar '00	8.6	11.8	11.8	7.3	4.0
	Jun '00	8.2	11.5	11.3	6.9	3.9
	Sep '00	7.8	11.0	10.2	6.7	3.9
	Dec '00	7.8	10.8	10.4	6.7	3.8
	Mar '01	7.9	11.0	10.0	6.8	3.6
	Jun '01	7.7	10.9	9.6	6.6	3.5
	Sep '01	7.4	10.5	9.5	6.2	3.5
	Dec '01	7.3	10.4	9.3	6.3	3.5

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	6,749	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.7	41.4
1-2 Years	18.0	17.5
>2 Years	38.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



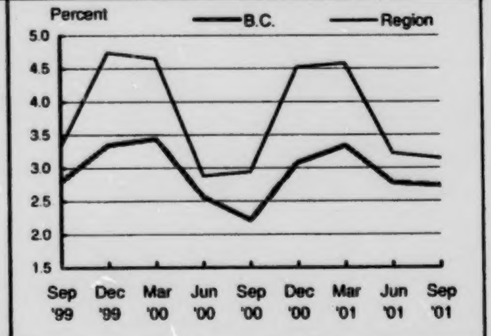
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group	Working Age (19-64) Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Sep '99	3.3	2.8	3.8	1.6	Sep '99
Dec '99	4.7	4.5	5.2	2.8	Dec '99
Mar '00	4.6	4.7	5.1	2.6	Mar '00
Jun '00	2.9	2.5	3.2	1.6	Jun '00
Sep '00	2.9	2.6	3.3	1.8	Sep '00
Dec '00	4.5	4.2	5.0	2.8	Dec '00
Mar '01	4.6	4.2	5.0	3.1	Mar '01
Jun '01	3.2	2.6	3.6	1.9	Jun '01
Sep '01	3.1	2.4	3.6	1.9	Sep '01

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

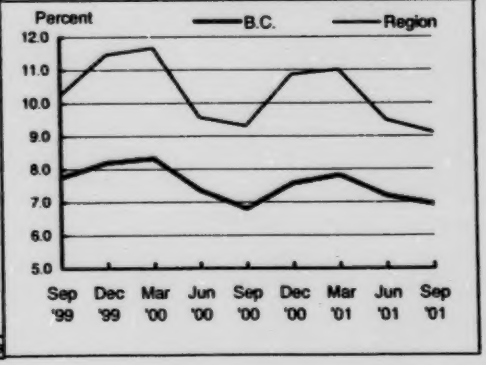
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Sep '99	10.2	14.5	10.7	5.0
	Dec '99	11.5	15.7	11.9	6.1
	Mar '00	11.7	16.1	12.2	5.9
	Jun '00	9.6	13.5	9.9	5.0
	Sep '00	9.3	12.5	9.7	4.9
	Dec '00	10.9	14.2	11.4	5.9
	Mar '01	11.0	13.8	11.6	6.0
	Jun '01	9.5	12.0	10.1	4.9
	Sep '01	9.1	11.7	9.6	4.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

13 Demographics

The dependence on resource industries is likely the reason for the gender bias in favour of males in this region, since most of these industries tend to have male-dominated employment. The male gender bias is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. Since men tend to have a shorter life expectancy than females, it is not surprising that the median age of death is lower in this area compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The diversity of the Courtenay and Campbell River areas should draw migrants to this region for most years. Downturns in the forest sector will likely continue to fuel out-migration for at least the short term. It is expected that the high pace of growth in the early to mid nineties cannot be sustained. Population growth rates will likely rise slowly for the first few years of the projection becoming moderately strong to the end of the forecast. Natural increase will likely decrease, gradually reducing the population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

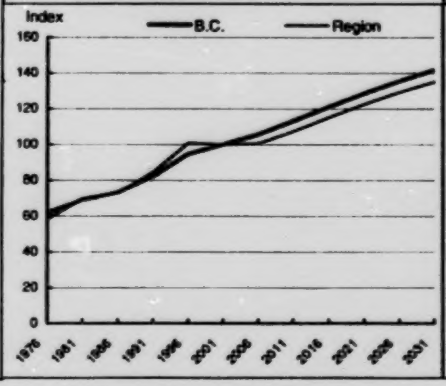
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.6	14.9	7.6	17.1	10.6	3.8	58.6	18.4	0.555	0.108	0.663	1976
1981	5.6	15.3	9.1	22.5	12.8	5.2	70.4	24.1	0.471	0.116	0.587	1981
1986	5.7	14.7	7.5	24.6	14.3	6.7	73.6	27.7	0.440	0.145	0.586	1986
1991	6.3	16.8	6.8	28.6	17.5	9.1	85.1	32.0	0.435	0.172	0.607	1991
1996	6.5	20.2	7.9	32.6	23.3	11.1	101.5	39.4	0.417	0.173	0.591	1996
2001	4.8	18.8	9.7	28.4	26.4	12.7	100.8	41.2	0.365	0.197	0.562	2001
2006	4.3	15.8	10.1	26.2	30.7	14.3	101.4	45.1	0.300	0.214	0.514	2006
2011	4.8	14.3	10.0	27.7	34.8	16.6	108.2	51.1	0.264	0.229	0.493	2011
2016	5.3	14.5	9.1	31.3	35.6	20.4	116.1	56.6	0.261	0.269	0.530	2016
2021	5.4	15.9	8.0	34.3	35.3	24.6	123.6	60.5	0.274	0.316	0.591	2021
2026	5.3	16.9	8.5	34.4	36.1	29.1	130.3	64.2	0.281	0.369	0.649	2026
2031	5.1	17.1	9.4	33.4	38.4	32.7	136.2	68.1	0.275	0.402	0.677	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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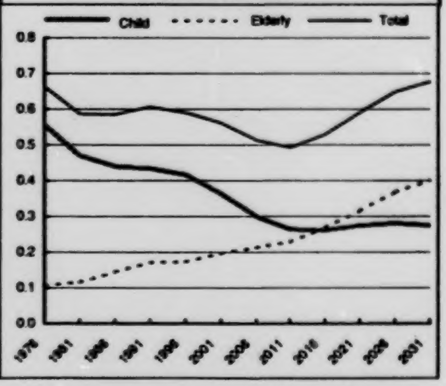


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, North Cowichan

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, but tourism and services related to the retirement community are also important. Many economic spin-offs arise from the region's location between the Capital Regional District and the Nanaimo Regional District. Several communities within the region serve as bedroom communities to either Victoria or Nanaimo. Nonetheless, the economic dependence on forestry makes the area vulnerable to downturns in the forest sector.

The Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) will be reduced by 7% to 373,000 cm in the fall of 2002. Cuts to the AAC could have repercussions for individual communities within the region, particularly those with mills dependent on wood from the affected areas.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cowichan Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,453	2,274	149	68	10	2,501	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	203	208	7	5	2	222	8.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	7	7	0	0	0	7	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	3	0	0	0	3	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	470	312	15	4	0	331	13.2%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	106	137	15	18	2	172	6.9%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	100	81	7	0	0	88	3.5%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	221	291	23	9	1	324	13.0%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	100	89	3	2	0	94	3.8%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	14	14	3	0	0	17	0.7%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	97	47	7	0	1	55	2.2%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	294	77	1	3	0	81	3.2%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	263	195	4	0	0	199	8.0%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	122	44	2	1	0	47	1.9%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	109	97	4	0	0	101	4.0%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	15	30	3	4	2	39	1.6%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	16	222	6	11	1	240	9.6%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	48	41	7	0	0	48	1.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	92	151	34	8	0	193	7.7%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	175	212	5	0	0	217	8.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	16	3	3	1	23	0.9%	0.5%	804

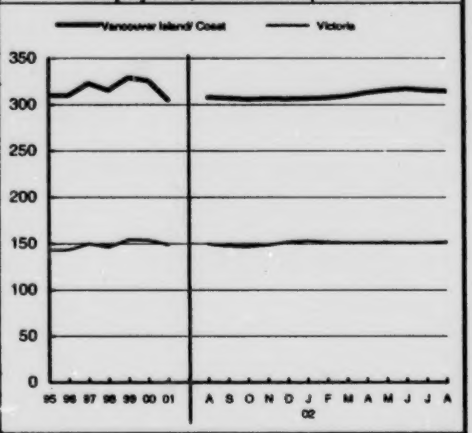
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

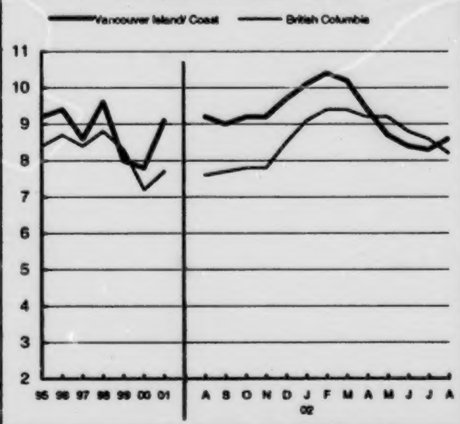
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	307.2	9.0	147.5	6.5	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	305.8	9.2	146.8	6.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	306.6	9.2	148.6	5.7	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	306.3	9.7	151.9	5.9	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	306.9	10.1	153.2	6.4	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	307.5	10.4	151.7	7.4	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	309.3	10.2	151.2	7.9	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	313.0	9.4	151.1	7.6	1,920.8	9.2
	May	315.5	8.7	151.6	6.9	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	317.1	8.4	150.8	6.9	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	315.7	8.3	151.2	7.0	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	314.5	8.6	151.8	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	313.1	9.2	151.5	7.3	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	2.8		2.1		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



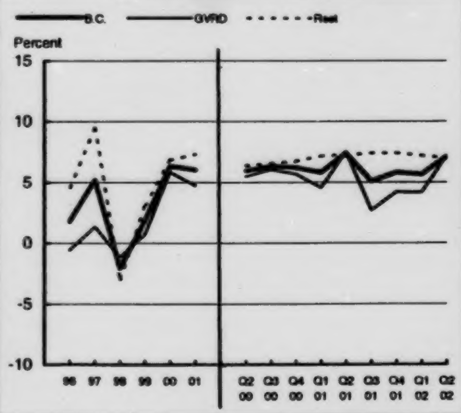
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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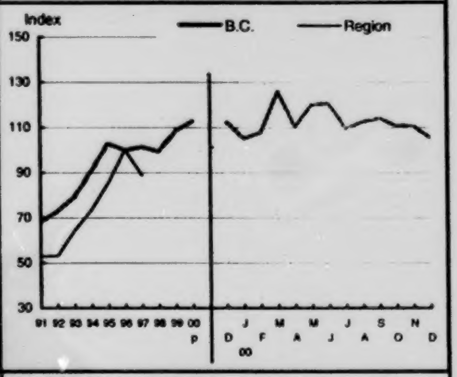
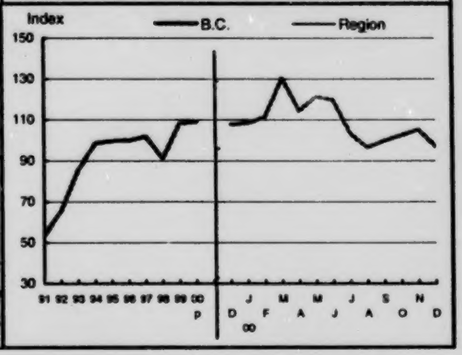
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	6	5	4	4	4
25	Wood	20	20	21	30	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	12	12	13	17	14
30	Metal Fabricating	8	7	9	12	11
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	49	51	54	71	66
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	580.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	392.9	442.0	460.9	499.2	546.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	769.2	876.5	1,017.3	1,191.8	1,058.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	1,496
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,072	1,102	1,131	1,220	1,227
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	136
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,859	2,943	2,898	2,952	3,330
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	73.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	50.4	56.5	59.1	59.9	65.2
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	5.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	126.1	141.0	142.1	152.3	162.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

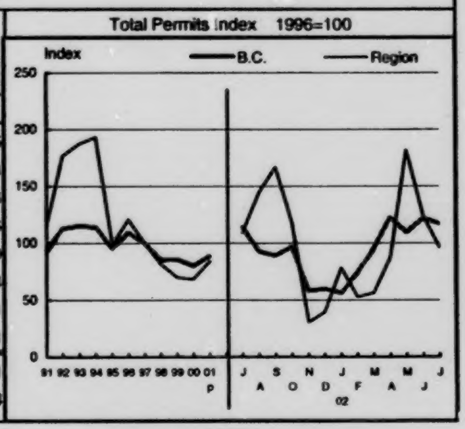
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	144.7	42.1	6.8	18.3	17.1	102.6	1,045
1995	74.2	17.6	1.8	8.8	7.0	56.6	514
1996	90.5	20.1	1.9	6.5	11.7	70.4	786
1997	75.0	12.3	0.8	9.5	2.0	62.7	546
1998	61.2	21.2	2.4	12.0	6.8	40.0	350
1999	52.6	15.8	1.7	6.3	7.8	36.7	314
2000	51.4	23.1	3.5	5.0	14.6	28.3	181
2001	63.0	24.8	1.9	6.0	16.8	38.2	251
YTD Jul '01	31.8	8.0	1.6	4.0	2.5	23.8	161
YTD Jul '02	42.3	16.0	1.0	3.2	11.8	26.3	194

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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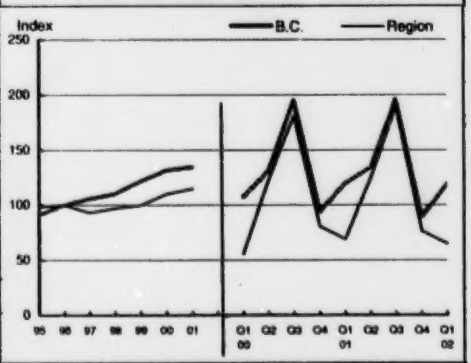
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cowichan Valley Regional District	1998	6,443.7	928.5	1,651.5	2,647.0	1,216.7
	1999	6,623.4	941.0	1,789.0	2,767.9	1,125.6
	2000	7,302.7	931.8	2,035.5	2,996.1	1,339.3
	2001	7,616.9	1,142.5	2,066.8	3,136.0	1,271.6
	2002	1,080.7	1,080.7			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Cowichan Valley 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	7,620.8	100.0%
Motels	1,494.2	19.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

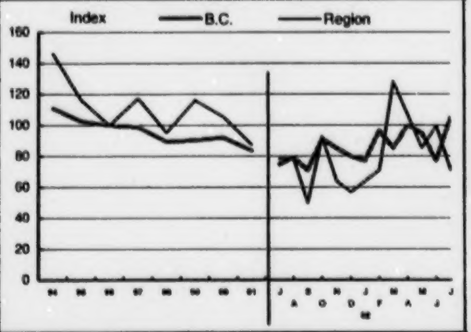


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	247
1995	196
1996	169
1997	198
1998	161
1999	196
2000	178
2001	148
Jan-Jul 01	100
Jan-Jul 02	88

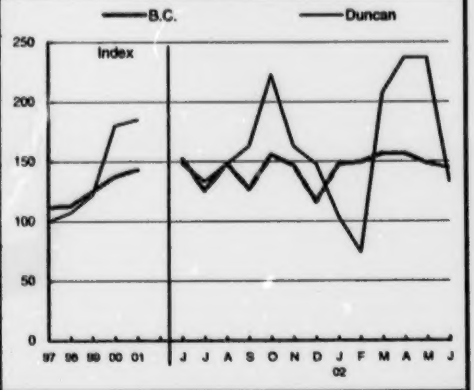
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



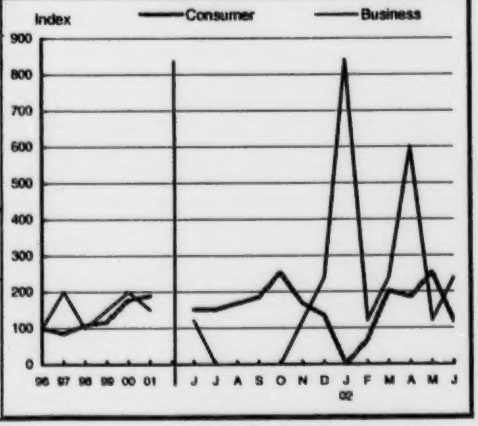
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Duncan		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	61	20	646	120	7,366	895
1998	77	10	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	84	15	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	126	20	983	148	9,181	976
2001	135	15	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	72	12	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	49	18	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Cowichan Valley
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Sep '99	8.0	11.6	9.8	6.8	3.8
	Dec '99	8.0	11.3	10.2	6.9	3.7
	Mar '00	8.0	11.5	10.2	6.9	3.7
	Jun '00	8.0	11.7	10.5	6.8	3.7
	Sep '00	7.9	11.6	10.0	6.7	3.7
	Dec '00	7.8	11.1	10.6	6.7	3.6
	Mar '01	7.7	11.1	10.3	6.6	3.4
	Jun '01	7.5	10.9	10.0	6.3	3.4
	Sep '01	7.2	10.6	9.7	6.0	3.3
	Dec '01	7.2	10.5	9.2	6.1	3.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

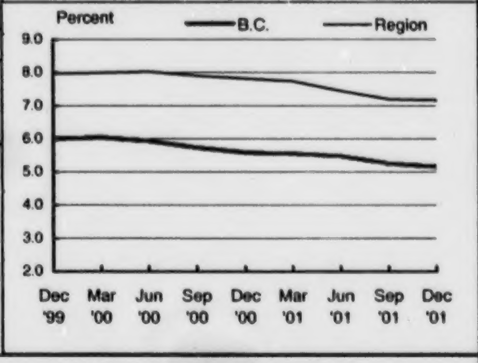
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	2.6	2.4	3.1	1.1	Sep '99
	3.0	3.1	3.4	1.5	Dec '99
	3.1	3.1	3.5	1.5	Mar '00
	2.2	2.2	2.5	0.9	Jun '00
	2.0	1.8	2.3	0.8	Sep '00
	3.0	2.9	3.3	1.5	Dec '00
	3.2	2.7	3.8	1.5	Mar '01
	2.4	2.2	2.8	1.0	Jun '01
	2.7	2.3	3.1	1.1	Sep '01

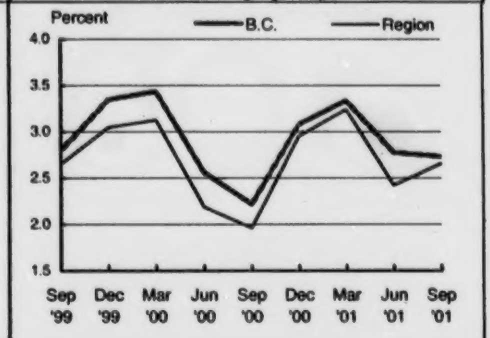
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,480	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	41.3	41.4
1-2 Years	19.0	17.5
>2 Years	39.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

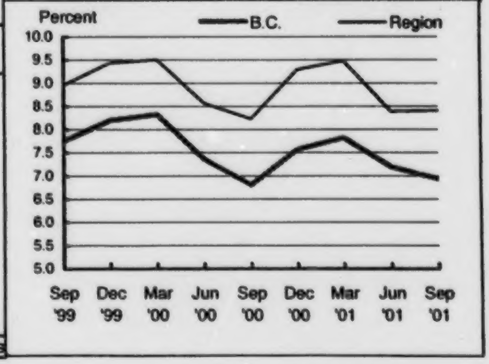
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Sep '99	9.0	12.0	9.7	3.7
	Dec '99	9.4	12.9	10.1	4.2
	Mar '00	9.5	13.0	10.3	4.0
	Jun '00	8.6	12.5	9.2	3.4
	Sep '00	8.2	11.6	8.9	3.3
	Dec '00	9.3	13.3	9.9	4.1
	Mar '01	9.5	12.8	10.2	4.1
	Jun '01	8.4	12.0	9.0	3.4
	Sep '01	8.4	11.8	9.0	3.5

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Cowichan Valley
Regional District

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Demographics

This region suffered substantial decreases in migration in the mid-eighties and again recently because of the downturn in the forest sector. Due to a growing retirement community, the median age of the population has been getting older and is slightly higher than the British Columbia median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is higher in this region than for the province as a whole, but the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio. This is partly the result of a substantially higher fertility rate for this area compared to the province as a whole.

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Projection

This area has benefited from spin-off growth from both Victoria and Nanaimo and will likely continue to do so. Deaths will likely begin to exceed births in the next few years. In the short-term, forestry job losses will likely result in out-migration. In the long-term, net migration is expected to become positive, contributing substantially to population growth.

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Selected Demographic Characteristics

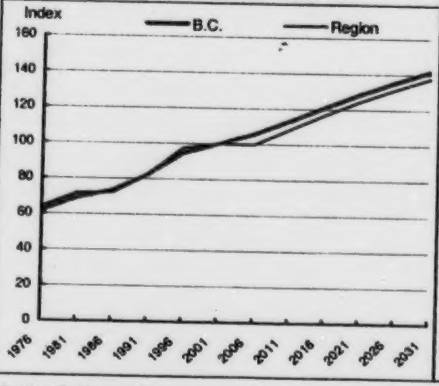
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.7	11.9	6.0	12.3	9.9	4.4	48.3	16.2	0.553	0.158	0.711	1976
1981	4.0	11.6	6.5	15.4	10.7	5.9	54.1	18.9	0.477	0.180	0.657	1981
1986	4.0	10.7	5.1	16.2	11.1	7.2	54.4	20.5	0.452	0.221	0.673	1986
1991	4.5	11.9	4.6	19.1	13.2	8.9	62.2	23.3	0.444	0.243	0.687	1991
1996	4.6	14.2	5.4	21.6	16.8	11.0	73.7	28.2	0.429	0.250	0.679	1996
2001	3.8	13.8	7.0	19.6	19.5	11.8	75.5	30.2	0.380	0.256	0.636	2001
2006	3.4	12.1	7.0	17.6	22.4	13.0	75.4	32.5	0.329	0.277	0.605	2006
2011	3.8	11.4	7.2	19.1	25.4	14.8	81.7	37.3	0.295	0.287	0.582	2011
2016	4.1	11.7	6.8	21.9	26.1	17.7	88.2	41.5	0.288	0.323	0.611	2016
2021	4.1	12.5	6.3	24.4	25.7	20.9	94.1	45.0	0.295	0.370	0.665	2021
2026	4.1	13.1	6.6	24.7	26.5	24.3	99.3	48.1	0.296	0.420	0.717	2026
2031	4.0	13.2	7.2	24.4	28.2	27.0	103.9	51.5	0.287	0.452	0.739	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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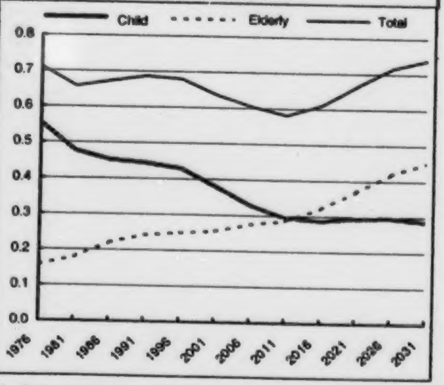


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

East Kootenay
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Invermere, Kimberley, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood

The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry. The economy of the Fernie area, in particular, is driven by the coal industry with five major coal mines located there. As a result, the region is vulnerable to fluctuations in price and demand in the coal market, which are largely determined internationally. The Sullivan lead-zinc mine in Kimberley was, until recently, the main economic driver for that area, and forestry is the main driver in the Cranbrook and Windermere areas.

A major development that will affect this area was the closure of the Sullivan Mine in Kimberley. Depletion of coal reserves could also have a negative effect on the region over the long-term, although the area has good potential for new discoveries. Development of new mines will depend on the direction of coal prices.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	East Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,815	2,341	151	67	18	2,577	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	140	179	8	4	0	191	7.4%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	20	15	2	1	5	23	0.9%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	5	5	1	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	322	326	15	3	0	344	13.3%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	73	98	7	7	4	116	4.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	66	87	9	2	0	98	3.8%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	177	318	16	14	0	348	13.5%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	95	120	8	1	1	130	5.0%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	6	28	5	0	0	33	1.3%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	77	40	9	1	0	50	1.9%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	212	91	5	0	0	96	3.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	171	165	2	0	0	167	6.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	82	28	1	0	0	29	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	62	119	5	0	0	124	4.8%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	8	16	0	1	3	20	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	162	9	12	2	185	7.2%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	33	73	7	7	1	88	3.4%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	118	248	35	10	2	295	11.4%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	136	209	4	0	0	213	8.3%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	14	3	4	0	21	0.8%	0.5%	804

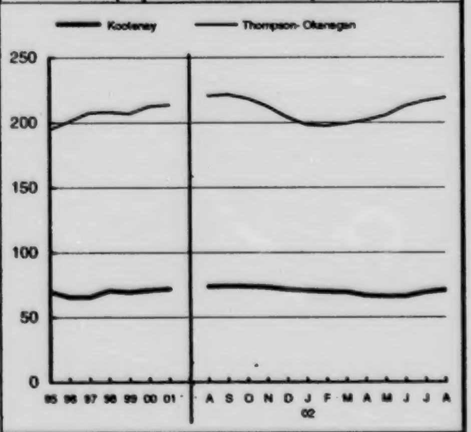
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

East Kootenay
Regional District

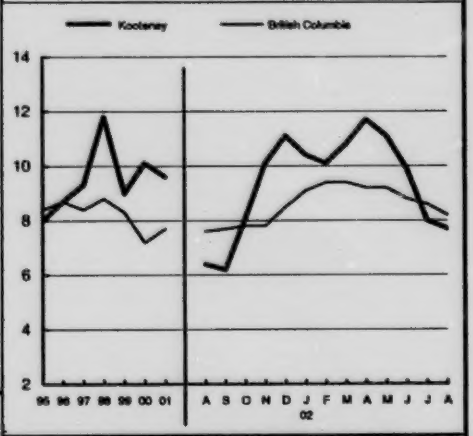
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996		65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
1997		65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
1999		69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2001		71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	69.9	10.2	216.0	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	72.0	9.2	218.7	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	72.6	8.4	221.8	9.2	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	73.7	6.4	220.7	10.3	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	74.3	6.2	221.5	10.1	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	74.0	8.1	218.6	8.7	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	73.3	10.1	212.6	7.8	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	71.6	11.1	204.2	8.5	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	70.7	10.4	198.3	9.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	70.1	10.1	197.4	10.2	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	69.5	10.8	199.3	10.3	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	66.9	11.7	201.7	10.4	1,920.8	9.2
	May	66.3	11.1	205.5	10.3	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	66.5	9.9	212.8	10.1	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	69.6	8.0	217.0	9.6	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	71.0	7.7	219.1	9.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	71.6	9.2	216.4	9.6	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	69.0	9.6	208.8	10.1	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-3.5		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



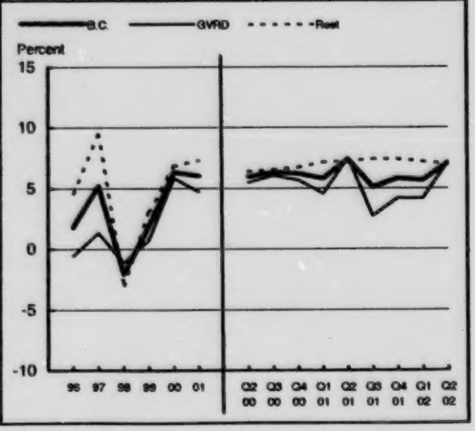
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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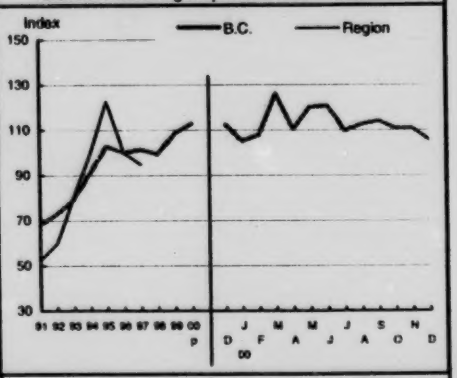
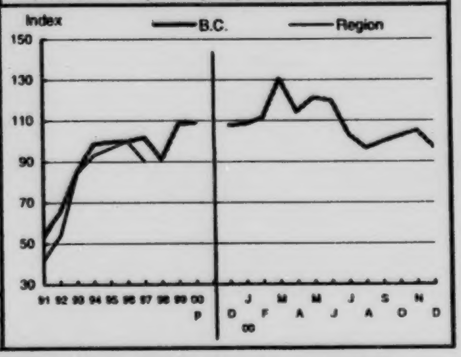
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	2	2
25	Wood	21	21	19	20	20
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	14	13	12	13	13
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	43	50	54	54
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	323.1	356.4	**	382.7	345.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	293.0	322.5	351.3	340.8	331.0
30	Metal Fabricating	2.7	3.7	**	5.3	4.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	409.1	506.7	623.5	509.0	482.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,225	1,512	**	1,440	1,165
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,134	1,359	1,196	1,265	1,093
30	Metal Fabricating	28	30	**	39	70
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,726	2,062	1,989	2,058	1,856
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	54.0	66.5	**	66.4	63.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	49.1	61.0	60.6	59.5	60.9
30	Metal Fabricating	1.1	1.2	**	1.6	2.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	75.8	91.4	99.4	97.4	98.2

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

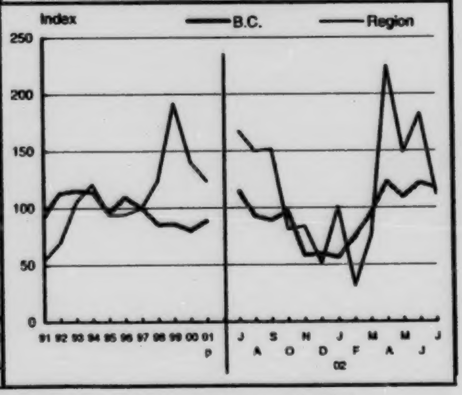


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	90.9	23.9	3.3	14.6	6.0	67.0	721
1995	70.7	12.4	1.0	8.5	2.9	58.3	595
1996	70.9	15.2	1.8	11.0	2.4	55.8	634
1997	75.2	29.8	2.4	9.9	17.5	45.4	408
1998	92.9	25.8	1.1	18.1	6.6	67.1	711
1999	143.9	58.3	4.1	47.7	6.5	85.6	727
2000	105.5	32.2	4.7	25.9	1.6	73.3	619
2001	93.0	32.6	3.4	10.1	19.1	60.4	418
YTD Jul '01	60.5	22.8	1.0	4.4	17.4	37.7	273
YTD Jul '02	54.8	6.7	0.7	5.2	0.8	48.1	338

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

East Kootenay
Regional District

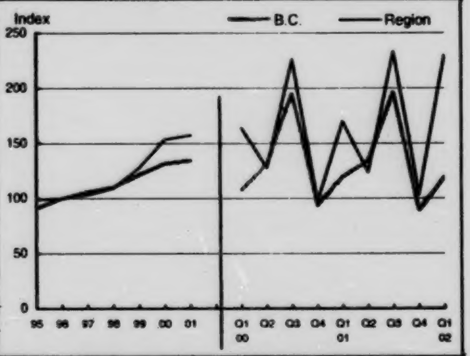
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
East Kootenay Regional District	1998	29,194.4	7,068.0	6,298.4	11,430.8	4,397.1
	1999	34,221.8	8,733.4	7,186.0	13,150.4	5,152.0
	2000	41,029.2	10,921.9	8,529.1	15,077.9	6,500.3
	2001	42,045.2	11,334.0	8,246.0	15,547.0	6,918.1
	2002	15,315.8	15,315.8			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

East Kootenay 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	42,043.8	100.0%
Hotels	14,783.1	35.2%
Motels	10,900.5	25.9%
Vacation Rentals	8,862.1	21.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

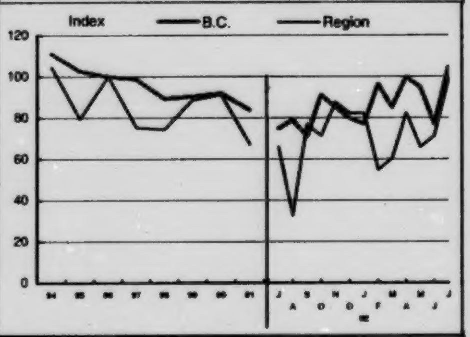


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	229
1995	174
1996	219
1997	165
1998	163
1999	194
2000	200
2001	147
Jan-Jul 01	83
Jan-Jul 02	94

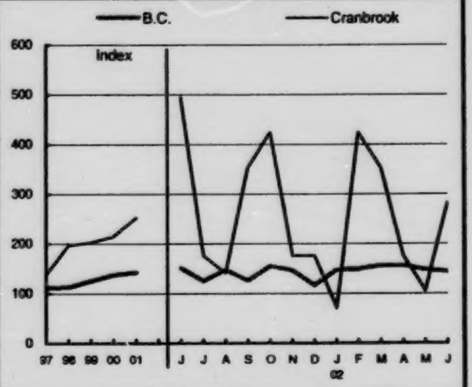
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



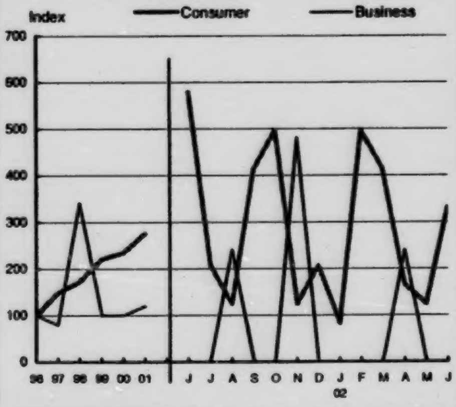
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	42	3	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	39	1	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Sep '99	5.3	8.1	6.8	4.2	2.8
	Dec '99	4.8	7.2	6.6	3.8	2.5
	Mar '00	4.8	7.3	6.2	3.7	2.4
	Jun '00	4.8	7.6	6.2	3.6	2.6
	Sep '00	4.7	7.7	5.9	3.4	2.6
	Dec '00	4.5	6.9	6.8	3.3	2.3
	Mar '01	4.4	6.8	6.0	3.4	2.1
	Jun '01	4.3	6.9	5.8	3.2	2.2
	Sep '01	4.2	6.9	5.1	3.1	2.2
	Dec '01	4.2	6.4	5.6	3.2	2.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

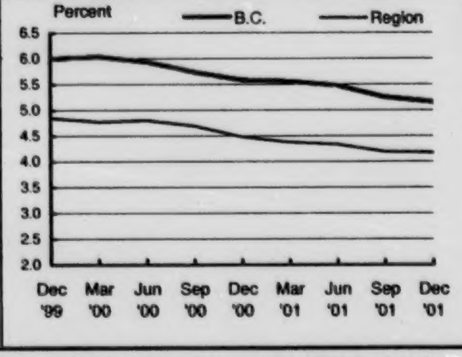
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.1	3.3	3.5	1.0	Sep '99
3.7	4.9	3.8	2.0	Dec '99
4.1	4.8	4.4	2.0	Mar '00
2.8	3.0	3.1	1.1	Jun '00
2.3	2.5	2.6	0.8	Sep '00
3.7	4.5	4.1	1.6	Dec '00
4.3	5.3	4.5	2.2	Mar '01
3.2	3.2	3.6	1.4	Jun '01
2.6	2.8	2.9	1.0	Sep '01

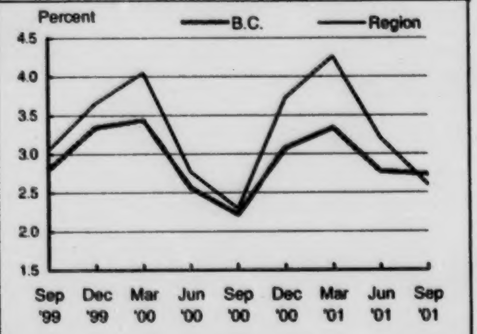
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,332	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.8	41.4
1-2 Years	16.0	17.5
>2 Years	29.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

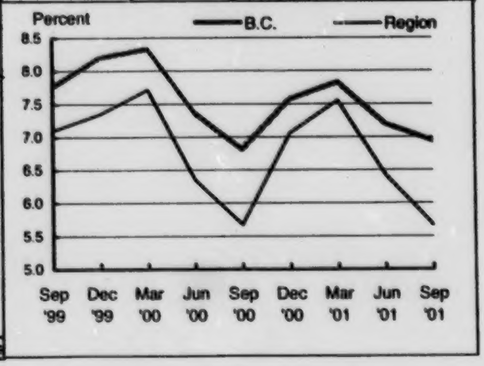
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Sep '99	7.1	9.7	7.5	3.2
	Dec '99	7.4	11.0	7.4	4.1
	Mar '00	7.7	10.8	7.9	4.1
	Jun '00	6.4	8.9	6.6	3.1
	Sep '00	5.7	8.1	5.9	2.8
	Dec '00	7.1	10.7	7.2	3.4
	Mar '01	7.6	10.9	7.7	4.0
	Jun '01	6.4	8.7	6.7	3.3
	Sep '01	5.7	7.8	5.9	2.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



East Kootenay
Regional District

13 Demographics

The median age of the region's population is slightly higher than the provincial median, and the proportion of children in the regional population is similar to the province as a whole. The gender ratio is weighted in favour of males, likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. Since men tend to have a shorter life expectancy than women do, it is not surprising that the median age of death in this region is lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The Sullivan Mine closed in 2001. This will have a significant impact on the employment base of the area during for the next several years. In addition, depletion of coal reserves could cause the shutdown of several of the coal mines in the region. Increased productivity and low prices could erode the employment base resulting in an over all trend of out-migration from the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

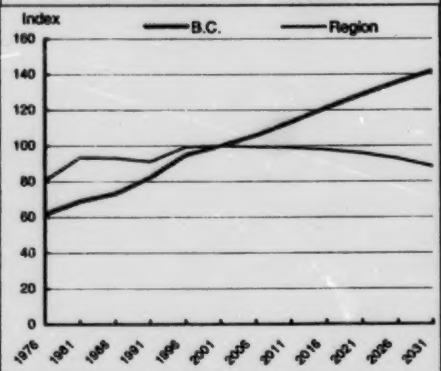
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	12.4	6.3	13.5	8.3	2.9	47.6	14.9	0.594	0.103	0.697	1976
1981	4.8	12.5	7.6	17.7	8.9	3.6	55.1	18.5	0.507	0.106	0.613	1981
1986	4.4	12.1	5.7	18.7	9.5	4.4	54.9	19.7	0.484	0.131	0.615	1986
1991	3.7	11.2	4.9	18.0	10.6	5.4	53.7	20.1	0.443	0.161	0.604	1991
1996	3.6	11.5	5.3	18.4	13.4	6.5	58.6	22.6	0.406	0.174	0.580	1996
2001	2.7	10.6	6.2	17.0	15.8	6.9	59.0	23.8	0.339	0.177	0.516	2001
2006	2.3	8.9	5.7	15.7	18.0	8.1	58.6	25.8	0.285	0.207	0.492	2006
2011	2.2	7.2	5.2	15.0	19.2	9.5	58.4	27.7	0.239	0.242	0.481	2011
2016	2.1	6.1	4.5	15.0	18.3	11.7	57.7	29.3	0.216	0.308	0.524	2016
2021	1.9	5.7	3.4	15.0	16.7	13.9	56.6	29.7	0.216	0.396	0.612	2021
2026	1.6	5.3	2.9	13.5	15.4	16.0	54.7	29.6	0.218	0.505	0.723	2026
2031	1.3	4.7	2.7	11.4	14.8	17.1	52.1	29.3	0.208	0.592	0.800	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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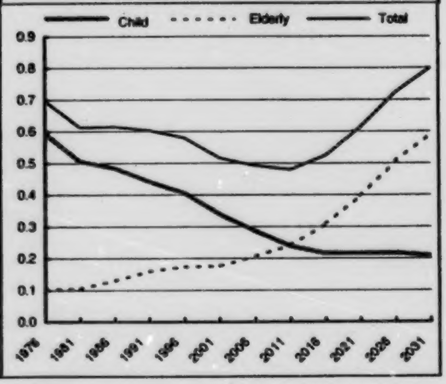

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Mackenzie, McBride, Prince George, Valemount

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, with tourism playing a lesser, though still important, role. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy. Positioned as it is at the junction to the North to Alaska, the South to Vancouver, the East to Alberta and the West to Prince Rupert, Prince George experiences a great deal of tourist activity.

Developments in the forest sector will likely drive growth in this region in the future. This area is home to many pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to this area is sustained if it is to maintain its job base. There have been a couple of mill closures in the last couple of years in this area and there will likely be some population impacts as a result.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser-Fort George							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,404	3,489	316	149	33	3,987	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	524	467	34	12	2	515	12.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	7	2	0	0	9	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	2	1	0	0	3	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	535	455	33	20	0	508	12.7%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	112	129	21	22	15	187	4.7%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	115	138	23	7	0	168	4.2%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	218	354	34	19	3	410	10.3%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	387	311	13	10	2	336	8.4%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	21	19	5	2	0	26	0.7%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	114	85	12	3	0	100	2.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	417	139	6	2	1	148	3.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	278	296	16	4	0	316	7.9%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	152	45	5	2	0	52	1.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	121	126	11	7	1	145	3.6%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	14	28	1	0	3	32	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	25	301	31	5	3	340	8.5%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	28	59	3	3	1	66	1.7%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	104	164	46	27	1	238	6.0%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	228	351	16	2	0	369	9.3%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	13	3	2	1	19	0.5%	0.5%	804

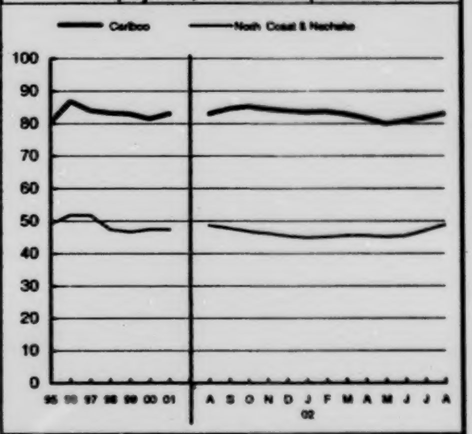
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

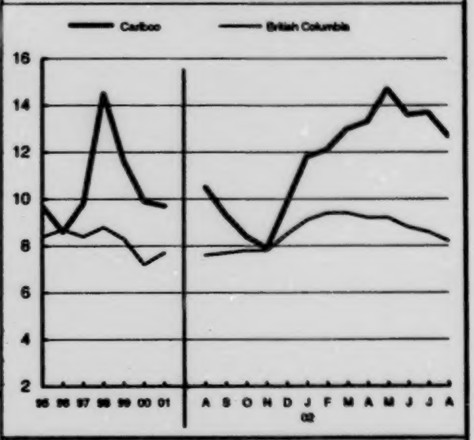
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2001	83.0	9.7	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
2001 Jan	81.5	10.9	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	81.8	10.8	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	83.1	9.2	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	82.9	10.0	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
May	82.1	9.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
Jun	80.4	10.5	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
Jul	80.7	9.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
Aug	83.0	10.5	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
Sep	84.6	9.3	47.8	10.2	1,962.8	7.7
Oct	85.2	8.4	46.8	11.0	1,943.5	7.8
Nov	84.5	7.9	46.2	11.3	1,927.8	7.8
Dec	84.0	9.8	45.4	12.2	1,912.9	8.5
2002 Jan	83.5	11.8	44.9	13.5	1,905.0	9.1
Feb	83.7	12.1	45.2	13.6	1,901.0	9.4
Mar	82.9	13.0	45.5	14.6	1,908.0	9.4
Apr	81.7	13.3	45.5	15.8	1,920.8	9.2
May	80.0	14.7	45.2	16.1	1,940.1	9.2
Jun	80.8	13.6	45.4	15.0	1,970.2	8.8
Jul	81.8	13.7	47.1	12.9	1,998.5	8.6
Aug	83.0	12.7	48.8	10.9	2,023.0	8.2
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Aug01	82.4	10.1	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
Jan-Aug02	82.0	13.5	46.6	13.6	1,961.6	8.9
% Change	-0.4		-3.2		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



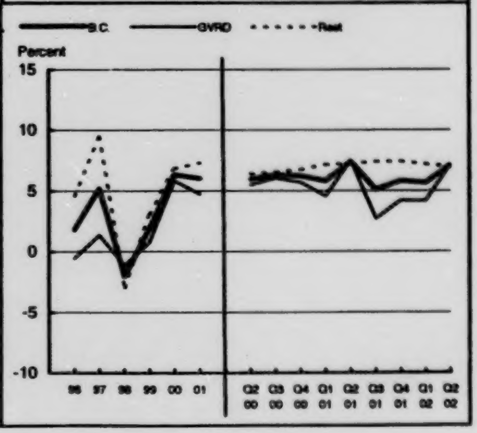
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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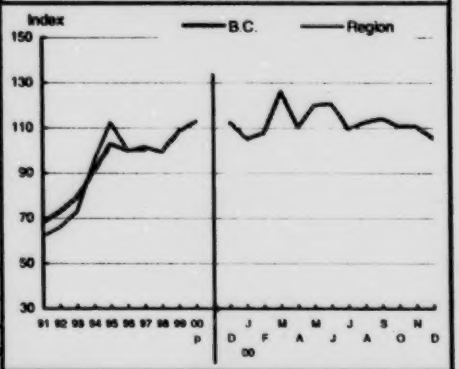
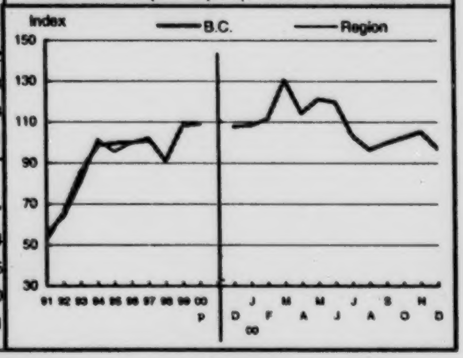
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	3	3	3
25	Wood	37	36	36	38	38
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	25	24	23	23	24
30	Metal Fabricating	20	20	20	21	23
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	100	102	113	112
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,120.6	1,402.1	1,322.0	1,382.4	1,389.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,010.3	1,279.2	1,199.9	1,270.9	1,270.4
30	Metal Fabricating	27.4	40.4	41.8	55.6	54.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,811.5	2,365.8	2,780.1	2,476.7	2,476.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	4,223	4,728	4,312	3,761	4,082
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3,582	4,011	3,640	3,130	3,323
30	Metal Fabricating	238	278	284	343	468
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	7,191	7,960	7,551	6,993	7,441
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	183.7	212.2	207.0	188.4	202.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	160.1	186.2	180.5	164.2	176.5
30	Metal Fabricating	8.7	11.4	12.4	13.4	18.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	326.1	384.6	386.6	372.7	389.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

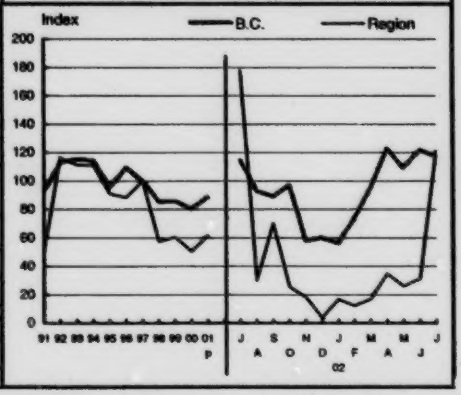


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	147.3	69.3	13.6	15.6	40.2	78.0	705
1995	120.9	52.8	13.1	30.4	9.3	68.1	544
1996	117.5	42.1	11.0	19.7	11.4	75.3	705
1997	132.8	65.2	6.1	57.8	1.4	67.6	591
1998	76.3	21.6	2.4	11.5	7.6	54.7	517
1999	80.2	44.7	7.9	6.6	30.2	35.5	258
2000	67.1	45.9	5.9	12.8	27.1	21.2	146
2001	82.0	64.8	1.0	10.9	52.9	17.2	95
YTD Jul '01	65.6	55.4	0.6	6.5	48.3	10.2	56
YTD Jul '02	28.7	18.1	3.6	11.6	2.9	10.6	75

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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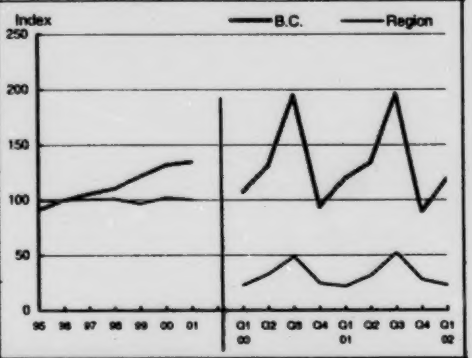
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,744.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,407.0	1,817.7
	2002	1,489.8	1,489.8			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Fraser-Ft. George 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	26,212.4	100.0%
Hotels	17,805.9	67.9%
Motels	7,571.6	28.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

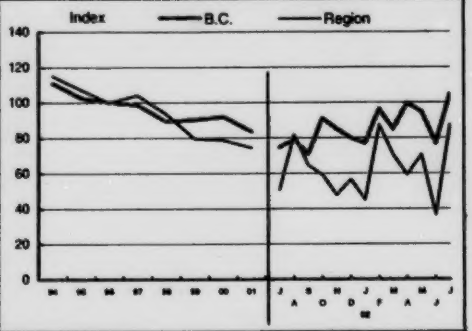


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	490
1995	457
1996	426
1997	444
1998	398
1999	339
2000	335
2001	318
Jan-Jul 01	208
Jan-Jul 02	162

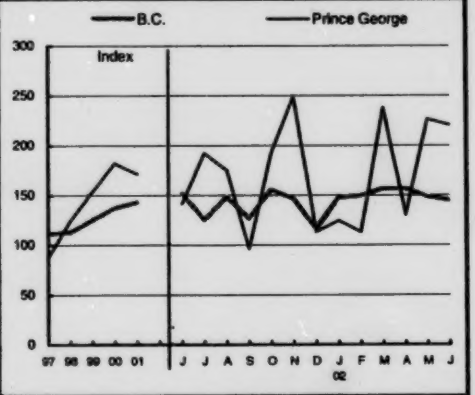
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



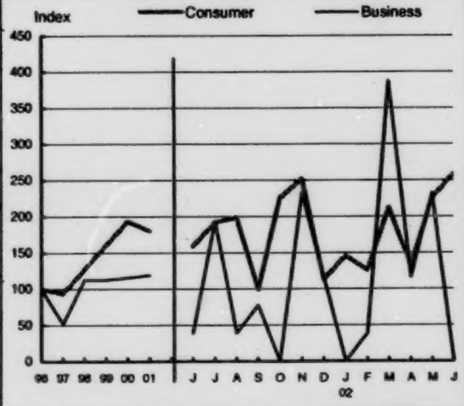
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	170	16	646	120	7,366	895
1998	230	35	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	291	35	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	350	36	983	148	9,181	976
2001	327	37	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	164	20	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	166	20	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Sep '99	8.4	11.4	11.6	6.7	4.4
	Dec '99	8.1	10.8	11.9	6.6	4.2
	Mar '00	8.3	11.1	12.1	6.7	4.2
	Jun '00	8.6	11.6	12.5	6.9	4.5
	Sep '00	8.3	11.4	12.3	6.5	4.5
	Dec '00	8.0	10.8	11.8	6.3	4.3
	Mar '01	7.9	10.8	12.5	6.2	4.1
	Jun '01	8.4	11.5	12.8	6.6	4.4
	Sep '01	7.9	11.0	11.5	6.2	4.3
	Dec '01	7.6	10.4	11.4	6.0	3.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

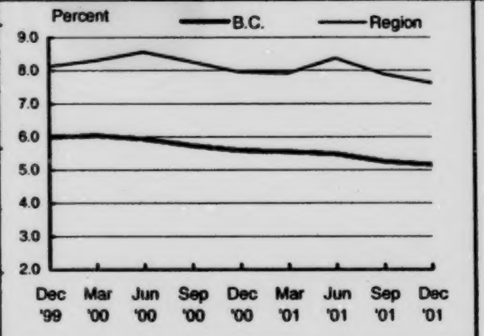
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.1	4.3	4.3	2.6	Sep '99
4.4	5.0	4.5	2.7	Dec '99
4.6	5.3	4.7	2.9	Mar '00
4.1	3.7	4.4	2.8	Jun '00
3.2	3.1	3.4	2.0	Sep '00
4.0	4.3	4.2	2.4	Dec '00
4.9	5.6	5.2	2.8	Mar '01
4.1	4.3	4.4	2.6	Jun '01
3.2	3.5	3.4	1.8	Sep '01

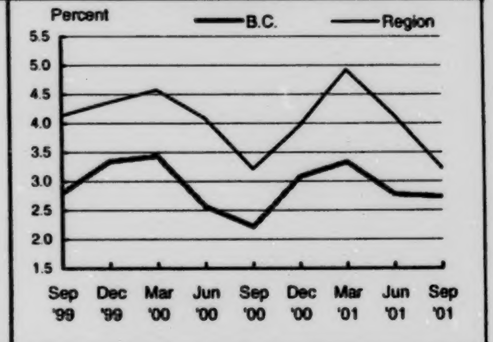
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,608	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.5	41.4
1-2 Years	18.2	17.5
>2 Years	36.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

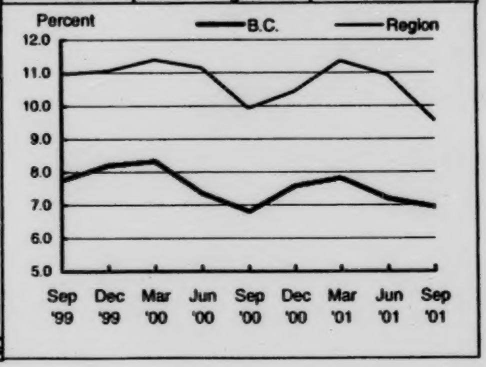
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Sep '99	11.0	15.5	10.8	6.4
	Dec '99	11.1	16.6	10.8	6.1
	Mar '00	11.4	17.0	11.2	6.2
	Jun '00	11.1	15.9	11.1	6.2
	Sep '00	9.9	15.1	9.7	5.4
	Dec '00	10.4	15.7	10.2	5.9
	Mar '01	11.4	17.6	11.1	6.0
	Jun '01	10.9	16.7	10.7	6.0
	Sep '01	9.6	14.6	9.4	5.1

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

13 Demographics

The downturn in the forest sector in the mid-eighties and early nineties was responsible for much of the net out-migration from the area at that time. In the mid-nineties the area received large net inflows of migrants. Some of this may be due to the construction of the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George although most areas experienced growth during this time period.

The median age of the population in this area is lower than the provincial median, and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is higher than the provincial ratio. Conversely the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. The dependence on the forest sector and the male-dominated employment in the industry is likely the reason for the gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males.

14 Projection

Although forestry is the main economic driver, the economy of this area is sufficiently diversified such that it can expect to continue to receive net migration inflows over most of the projection period with the exception of the next few years. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) is expected to be positive as well, which means the area will continue to experience overall positive growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

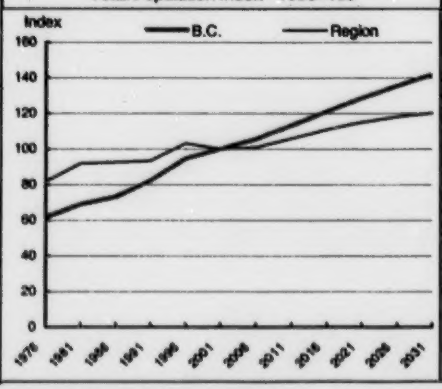
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.3	22.9	11.9	25.9	10.4	2.3	81.7	23.7	0.649	0.047	0.696	1976
1981	8.8	22.6	13.9	31.6	12.3	2.8	91.9	29.1	0.544	0.048	0.592	1981
1986	8.4	21.3	11.7	33.3	14.3	3.6	92.5	31.0	0.501	0.060	0.561	1986
1991	7.8	20.7	10.1	33.9	16.4	4.5	93.3	32.0	0.471	0.075	0.546	1991
1996	7.6	22.0	11.1	36.5	20.3	5.8	103.2	36.3	0.436	0.085	0.521	1996
2001	5.6	20.4	10.8	32.8	23.7	6.7	99.9	37.1	0.385	0.099	0.484	2001
2006	4.8	17.6	10.7	31.0	28.4	8.3	100.9	40.6	0.320	0.119	0.439	2006
2011	5.5	15.4	10.7	32.0	31.6	10.6	105.8	45.3	0.280	0.143	0.424	2011
2016	5.9	14.8	9.8	33.7	32.7	13.9	110.9	49.5	0.273	0.183	0.455	2016
2021	5.9	15.9	8.1	35.0	32.6	17.6	115.1	51.9	0.288	0.233	0.521	2021
2026	5.6	16.7	8.0	33.9	32.6	21.3	118.2	53.4	0.299	0.286	0.585	2026
2031	5.3	16.5	9.0	31.8	33.5	24.1	120.1	54.8	0.293	0.324	0.617	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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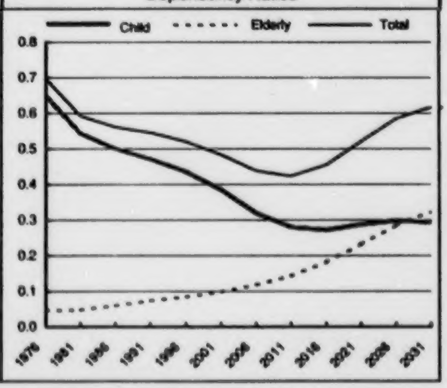

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Fraser Valley
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Kent, Mission

In the areas of the Fraser Valley furthest from Vancouver, agriculture and forestry are the main economic drivers. For the areas closer to Vancouver, the industrial base of Greater Vancouver is the main stimulus for the economy.

The agreement by the municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) on a Livable Region Strategic Plan will have consequences for this region. As the GVRD begins to put the infrastructure in place to promote its Growth Concentration Area, the recent trend of growth moving out into the Valley will likely slow considerably. Growth rates experienced in the last decade will be substantially higher than those experienced in the next.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

		Fraser Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)		Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	7,830	7,147	609	284	36	8,076	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	799	1,075	53	25	0	1,153	14.3%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	16	20	0	1	0	21	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	10	1	1	2	0	4	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	1,757	991	61	13	1	1,066	13.2%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	298	367	72	49	4	492	6.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	346	321	36	13	0	370	4.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	595	725	72	25	9	831	10.3%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	604	401	20	14	2	437	5.4%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	48	43	11	2	0	56	0.7%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	274	172	15	14	1	202	2.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	892	267	21	6	0	294	3.6%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	630	554	14	11	0	579	7.2%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	349	134	21	10	0	165	2.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	347	301	26	16	1	344	4.3%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	65	62	6	9	4	81	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	53	554	43	27	6	630	7.8%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	85	97	13	4	0	114	1.4%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	215	371	90	35	2	498	6.2%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	447	655	24	8	2	689	8.5%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	36	10	0	4	50	0.6%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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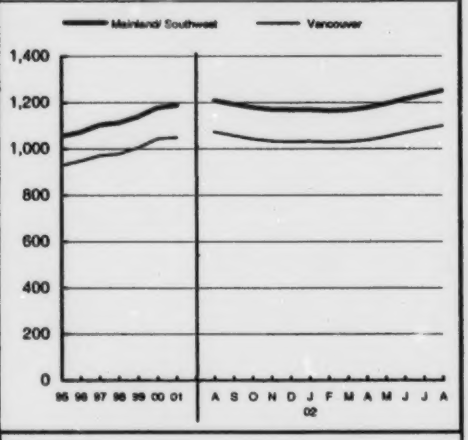
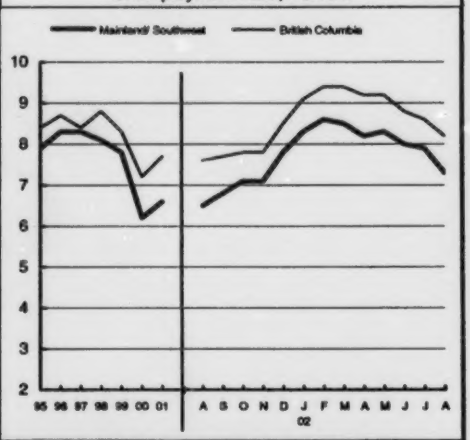
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1992				859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993				869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995		1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997		1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May	1,198.8	5.7	1,060.2	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	1,205.2	5.7	1,068.1	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	1,215.0	5.8	1,077.8	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	1,208.2	6.5	1,072.9	6.4	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	1,193.7	6.8	1,058.3	6.8	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	1,179.7	7.1	1,042.9	7.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	1,171.4	7.1	1,034.6	7.1	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	1,169.2	7.8	1,032.1	7.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	1,169.2	8.3	1,033.7	8.2	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	1,165.2	8.6	1,029.5	8.5	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	1,168.3	8.5	1,031.5	8.4	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	1,178.5	8.2	1,038.7	8.2	1,920.8	9.2
	May	1,194.8	8.3	1,052.5	8.3	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	1,214.8	8.0	1,069.8	8.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	1,233.6	7.9	1,085.7	7.9	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	1,252.1	7.3	1,100.7	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	1,196.6	6.2	1,059.7	6.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	1,208.6	8.0	1,064.5	8.0	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	1.0		0.5		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



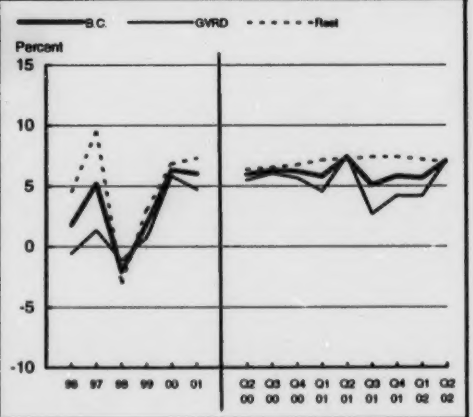
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



Fraser Valley
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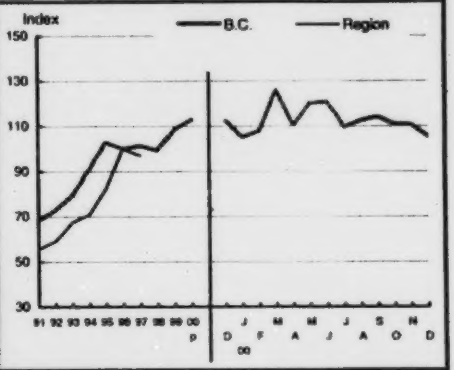
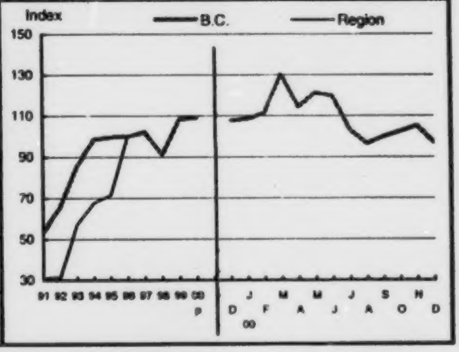
5	Manufacturing (to 1995, Central Fraser Valley + Fraser-Cheam; 1996 & later, Fraser Valley)					
SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	31	29	27	33	29
25	Wood	39	36	33	54	52
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	8	7	9	8
30	Metal Fabricating	10	11	14	26	22
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	153	143	156	214	203
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	401.9	388.6	445.3	447.6	432.1
25	Wood	234.1	277.0	292.5	409.3	420.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	69.6	93.6	**	81.0	84.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	74.1	69.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	843.3	885.3	1,027.6	1,249.4	1,212.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	1,742	1,697	1,525	1,458	1,301
25	Wood	1,654	1,589	1,487	1,836	1,862
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	364	455	**	409	352
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	408	369
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,218	4,963	5,124	6,121	5,882
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	55.7	56.2	51.8	53.6	47.5
25	Wood	52.0	54.3	55.4	69.6	69.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13.7	17.4	**	15.7	14.7
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	15.7	14.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	169.4	169.4	182.1	218.4	207.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



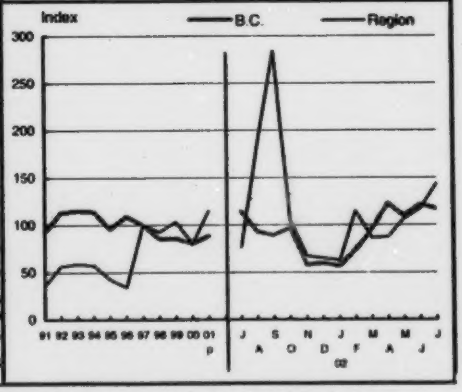
Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6	Building Permits						
	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
Year	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	147.6	34.9	10.5	14.1	10.3	112.6	1,472
1995	108.6	52.5	6.3	17.7	28.5	56.1	551
1996	88.4	40.6	5.0	25.1	10.5	47.8	499
1997	256.8	99.6	18.0	62.8	18.8	157.2	2,562
1998	238.0	110.5	26.9	69.4	14.2	127.5	1,614
1999	265.1	159.5	55.1	73.4	31.0	105.6	1,053
2000	206.0	113.6	44.4	41.2	28.0	92.4	699
2001	294.4	193.2	43.8	64.0	85.4	101.2	860
YTD Jul '01	143.3	87.6	32.7	33.1	21.8	55.6	416
YTD Jul '02	153.8	53.1	17.7	13.5	21.9	100.6	863

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
BREAK IN SERIES: data are for former Fraser-Cheam RD through 1996; for 1997 onwards, data are for Fraser Valley RD

Fraser Valley
Regional District

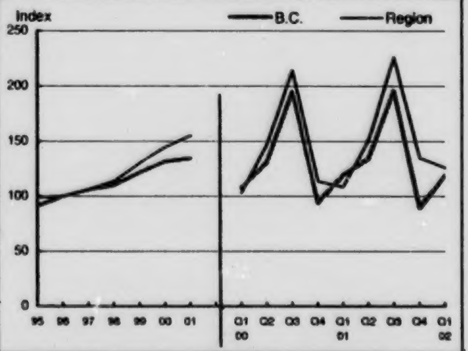
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser Valley Regional District	1998	24,839.4	4,547.0	6,113.5	9,347.1	4,831.8
	1999	28,460.7	5,274.9	6,700.9	10,507.8	5,977.1
	2000	31,527.4	5,631.3	8,017.1	11,669.9	6,209.0
	2001	33,818.7	5,922.2	8,216.9	12,305.3	7,374.3
	2002	6,873.4	6,873.4			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,608.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Fraser Valley 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	33,818.7	100.0%
Hotels	25,630.0	75.8%
1-75 Rooms	3,474.9	10.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

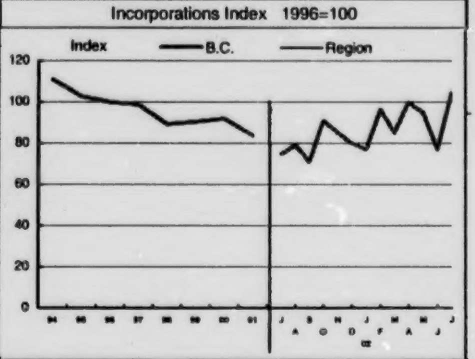


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	#N/A
1995	#N/A
1996	#N/A
1997	#N/A
1998	#N/A
1999	#N/A
2000	832
2001	736
Jan-Jul 01	405
Jan-Jul 02	465

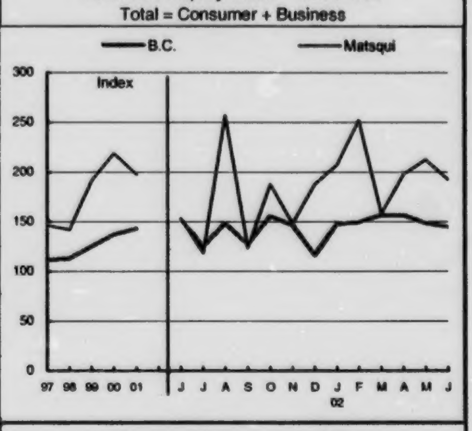
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



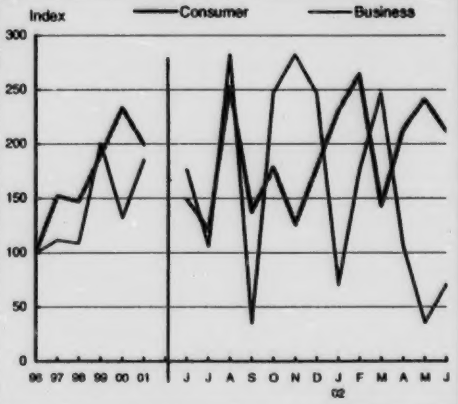
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Matsqui		Chilliwack		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	318	38	145	23	7,366	895
1998	308	37	147	27	7,327	1,031
1999	397	68	193	24	8,179	1,075
2000	487	45	213	22	9,181	976
2001	417	63	210	28	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	244	29	113	9	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	227	20	75	24	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Sep '99	7.3	9.9	7.9	6.1	4.1
	Dec '99	7.1	9.6	8.0	6.0	4.0
	Mar '00	7.2	9.8	8.3	6.1	3.9
	Jun '00	7.1	9.7	8.1	6.0	4.0
	Sep '00	6.8	9.5	7.6	5.7	4.0
	Dec '00	6.6	9.0	7.4	5.6	3.8
	Mar '01	6.5	8.8	7.3	5.6	3.6
	Jun '01	6.4	8.7	7.1	5.4	3.6
	Sep '01	6.1	8.4	6.7	5.1	3.5
	Dec '01	5.9	8.0	6.7	5.0	3.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

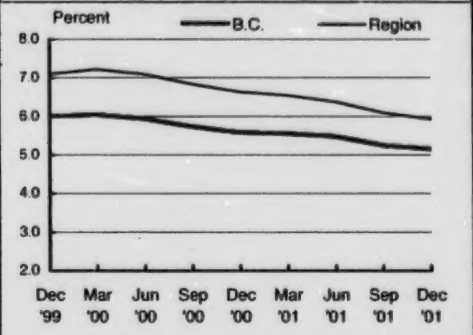
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	3.5	3.4	1.7	Sep '99
4.6	5.0	4.6	4.1	Dec '99
4.4	4.9	4.5	3.7	Mar '00
3.2	3.6	3.3	2.1	Jun '00
2.8	3.1	3.1	1.4	Sep '00
4.3	4.1	4.4	4.2	Dec '00
4.2	4.2	4.4	3.7	Mar '01
3.3	3.7	3.5	2.2	Jun '01
3.2	3.9	3.5	1.5	Sep '01

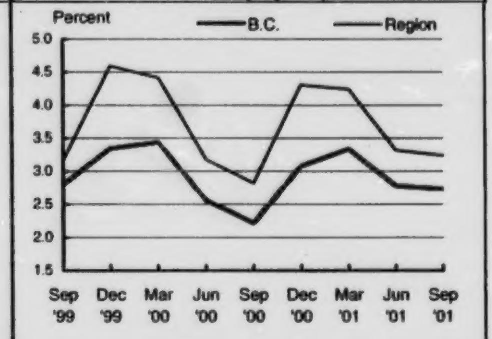
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	12,279	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	39.7	41.4
1-2 Years	17.9	17.5
>2 Years	42.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

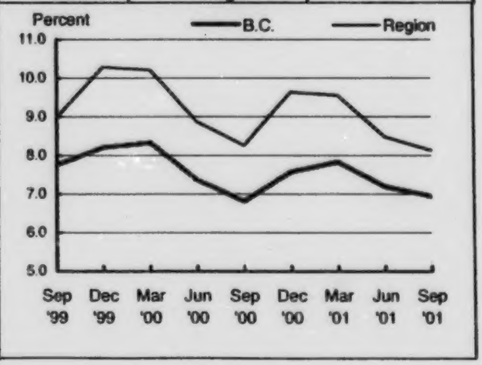
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Sep '99	9.0	11.1	9.3	5.2
	Dec '99	10.3	12.6	10.4	7.6
	Mar '00	10.2	12.8	10.3	7.2
	Jun '00	8.9	11.4	9.1	5.4
	Sep '00	8.3	10.4	8.6	4.7
	Dec '00	9.6	11.2	9.8	7.3
	Mar '01	9.6	11.3	9.8	6.8
	Jun '01	8.5	10.6	8.7	5.4
	Sep '01	8.1	10.4	8.4	4.6

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Fraser Valley
Regional District

13 Demographics

Although this region is still far more rural than the neighbouring GVRD, the population density is four times that of the province as a whole. The more rural nature of the region is one of the reasons for the substantially higher total fertility rate compared to the provincial rate. As a result, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is quite high for this region, with almost one and a half times the amount of births compared to deaths.

14 Projection

Net migration to this region has been high in the last couple of decades, and this will likely continue to be the case in the future, due to the large availability of land. However, growth should be tempered as a result of the GVRD's Livable Region Strategic Plan, which attempts to make more efficient use of land in the Growth Concentration Area and draw more people into urban Vancouver. Despite this, the combination of continued high natural increase and substantial inflows of migrants will result in strong population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

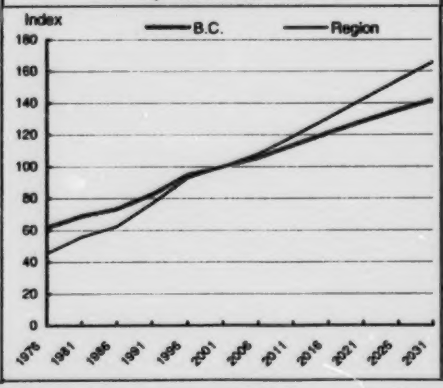
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.5	28.0	14.5	28.3	22.1	12.0	113.4	35.5	0.562	0.185	0.748	1976
1981	11.2	29.2	17.8	38.7	26.0	16.1	139.1	46.8	0.490	0.195	0.685	1981
1986	12.5	30.4	17.2	46.4	28.5	20.0	155.1	55.7	0.466	0.217	0.683	1986
1991	15.2	36.9	16.9	60.1	35.4	26.7	191.1	67.0	0.463	0.238	0.701	1991
1996	17.6	45.2	20.4	72.4	44.7	31.1	231.4	82.2	0.457	0.226	0.683	1996
2001	15.5	48.8	23.5	72.2	53.9	35.1	249.0	90.7	0.430	0.235	0.664	2001
2006	15.7	47.8	26.0	74.4	66.6	38.1	268.6	103.3	0.380	0.228	0.609	2006
2011	17.4	47.7	28.1	80.4	80.1	42.2	295.9	118.8	0.345	0.224	0.569	2011
2016	19.1	49.6	29.0	89.3	88.8	49.5	325.2	135.1	0.332	0.239	0.571	2016
2021	20.4	54.2	27.5	99.7	94.3	58.8	354.8	149.6	0.337	0.265	0.602	2021
2026	21.1	58.5	29.2	105.3	99.7	70.3	384.1	163.7	0.340	0.300	0.640	2026
2031	21.5	61.7	32.0	108.3	106.6	82.1	412.2	178.4	0.337	0.333	0.670	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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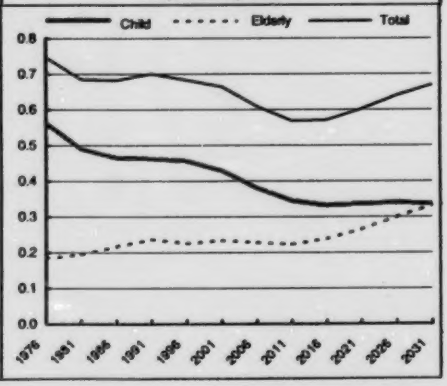


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Greater Vancouver
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Anmore, Belcarra, Bowen Island, Burnaby, City of Langley, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley DM, Lions Bay, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, North Vancouver City, North Vancouver DM, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Vancouver, West Vancouver, White Rock

This region constitutes the economic heart of the province. Manufacturing, trade, and service activity in the Vancouver area are the main economic drivers for the region as a whole. Areas in the region outside of metro Vancouver are mainly residential and industrial suburbs.

The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. This plan is certain to affect the growth patterns of this and neighbouring regions.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	the new Greater Vancouver RD							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	87,983	68,748	6,790	3,663	681	79,882	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,589	1,204	111	41	9	1,365	1.7%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	555	253	27	9	5	294	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	48	36	2	5	4	47	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	12,766	6,708	528	268	31	7,535	9.4%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	2,837	3,754	714	516	100	5,084	6.4%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	5,235	6,079	659	285	31	7,054	8.8%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	5,797	7,113	703	377	75	8,268	10.4%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	3,851	2,901	245	147	45	3,338	4.2%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,772	1,409	165	125	29	1,728	2.2%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	6,288	2,800	349	142	37	3,328	4.2%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12,890	3,523	270	147	17	3,957	5.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	14,770	10,051	620	308	33	11,012	13.8%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	5,501	1,661	163	98	11	1,933	2.4%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	4,227	3,655	321	175	31	4,182	5.2%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	698	824	113	48	29	1,014	1.3%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	805	6,057	426	192	72	6,747	8.4%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,699	1,054	103	79	21	1,257	1.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,457	3,840	973	582	40	5,435	6.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	4,196	5,764	288	100	26	6,178	7.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	2	62	10	19	35	126	0.2%	0.5%	804

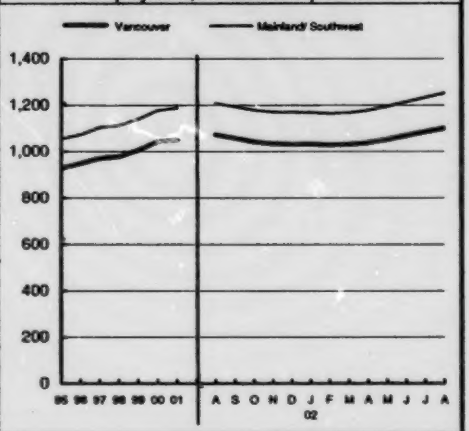
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division. Langley City and District Municipality are included in Greater Vancouver.

Greater Vancouver
Regional District

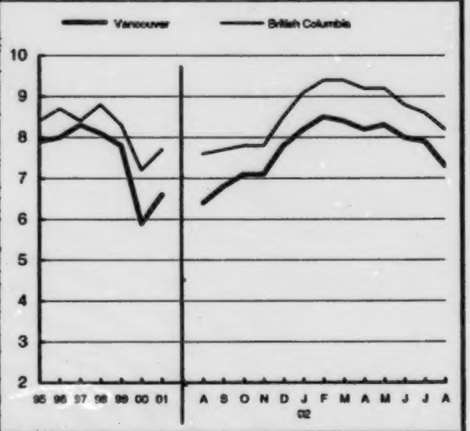
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver		Mainland/ Southwest		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992	859.8	9.0			1,620.3	10.2
	1993	869.5	9.3			1,675.9	9.7
	1994	908.9	8.6			1,754.0	9.0
	1995	929.6	7.9	1,055.8	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	948.6	8.0	1,073.4	8.3	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	971.3	8.3	1,104.0	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	979.6	8.1	1,113.4	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,005.4	7.8	1,140.1	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,044.5	5.9	1,177.9	6.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,051.1	6.6	1,187.9	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	1,055.7	5.4	1,191.0	5.6	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,046.4	5.9	1,183.9	6.0	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,045.7	6.1	1,183.5	6.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,050.7	5.9	1,188.1	6.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	1,060.2	5.6	1,198.8	5.7	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	1,068.1	5.7	1,205.2	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	1,077.8	5.8	1,215.0	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	1,072.9	6.4	1,208.2	6.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	1,058.3	6.8	1,193.7	6.8	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	1,042.9	7.1	1,179.7	7.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	1,034.6	7.1	1,171.4	7.1	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	1,032.1	7.8	1,169.2	7.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	1,033.7	8.2	1,169.2	8.3	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	1,029.5	8.5	1,165.2	8.6	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	1,031.5	8.4	1,168.3	8.5	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	1,038.7	8.2	1,178.5	8.2	1,920.8	9.2
	May	1,052.5	8.3	1,194.8	8.3	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	1,069.8	8.0	1,214.8	8.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	1,085.7	7.9	1,233.6	7.9	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	1,100.7	7.3	1,252.1	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	1,059.7	6.1	1,196.6	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	1,064.5	8.0	1,208.6	8.0	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	0.5		1.0		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



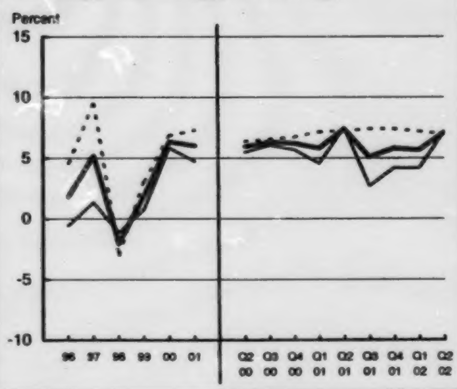
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
Quarterly data	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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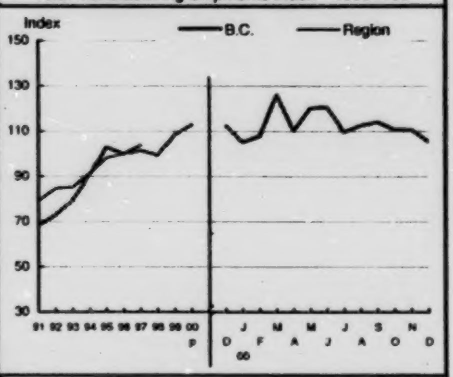
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics (to 1995, old GVRD + Dewdney-Alouette; 1996 & later, new GVRD)

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	190	182	188	207	210
25	Wood	227	223	224	245	233
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	66	65	66	67	68
30	Metal Fabricating	336	331	355	409	405
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,266	2,187	2,415	2,665	2,574
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	2,367.6	2,450.1	2,527.8	2,465.5	2,579.5
25	Wood	2,380.5	2,537.1	2,591.2	2,490.8	2,586.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,759.7	1,816.5	1,837.1	1,870.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1,020.8	1,110.7	1,193.4	1,291.4	1,386.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	12,768.1	13,691.6	14,707.3	14,982.9	15,564.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	11,228	11,729	12,646	11,828	11,824
25	Wood	11,517	12,053	12,036	10,611	10,940
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	7,200	7,295	6,414	6,482
30	Metal Fabricating	7,638	7,916	8,119	7,765	8,531
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	74,676	78,292	80,398	77,890	82,741
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	370.2	397.5	421.8	389.0	387.9
25	Wood	433.5	488.8	511.3	465.5	472.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	315.5	334.4	314.8	309.0
30	Metal Fabricating	277.5	300.3	307.3	311.2	343.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,644.5	2,968.9	3,138.0	3,043.0	3,218.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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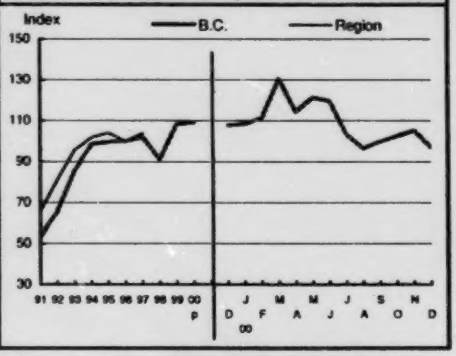
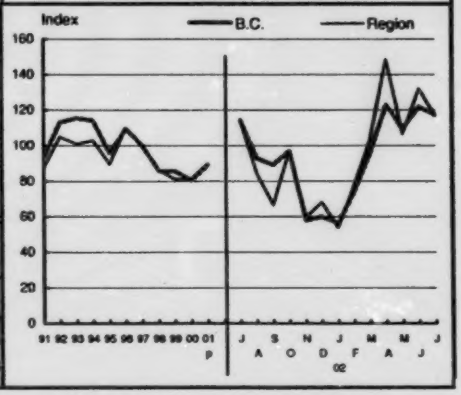


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	3,408.7	927.0	63.9	619.9	243.2	2,481.7	19,179
1995	2,973.1	1,037.5	100.0	580.8	356.7	1,935.6	13,753
1996	3,643.3	1,106.6	150.8	674.5	281.3	2,536.8	17,693
1997	3,315.2	1,164.6	163.8	848.2	152.6	2,150.6	15,214
1998	2,857.8	1,230.9	160.3	808.6	262.0	1,626.9	11,103
1999	2,692.0	1,119.8	175.2	654.3	290.3	1,572.2	9,921
2000	2,699.3	1,249.0	137.7	851.1	260.3	1,450.3	8,925
2001	2,974.9	1,163.1	105.1	714.4	343.6	1,811.8	10,401
YTD Jul '01	1,936.6	810.6	58.7	509.1	242.8	1,126.0	6,535
YTD Jul '02	2,037.2	631.3	86.2	436.1	108.9	1,405.9	8,428

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
Note: Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows included in GVRD commencing approx. August 1995

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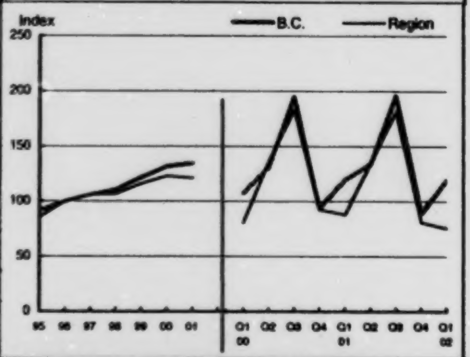
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Greater Vancouver Regional District	1998	538,024.0	87,187.0	142,928.2	204,774.9	103,133.9
	1999	585,814.5	96,251.9	159,453.1	226,458.4	103,651.0
	2000	621,314.7	102,181.8	171,518.3	230,626.5	116,988.1
	2001	612,368.2	111,025.9	170,320.3	228,563.0	102,458.9
	2002	95,564.0	95,564.0			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Greater Vancouver 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	611,913.1	100.0%
Hotels	578,712.3	94.2%
150+ Rooms	424,219.5	69.3%
76-149 Rooms	114,205.5	18.7%
1-75 Rooms	38,287.3	6.3%
Motels	20,619.8	3.4%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

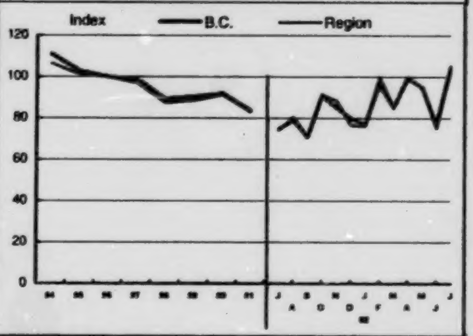


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8. Incorporations - includes Dewdney-Alouette prior to 2000

Year	Incorporations
1994	17,278
1995	16,395
1996	16,224
1997	15,749
1998	14,179
1999	14,367
2000	14,807
2001	13,490
Jan-Jul 01	7,973
Jan-Jul 02	8,586

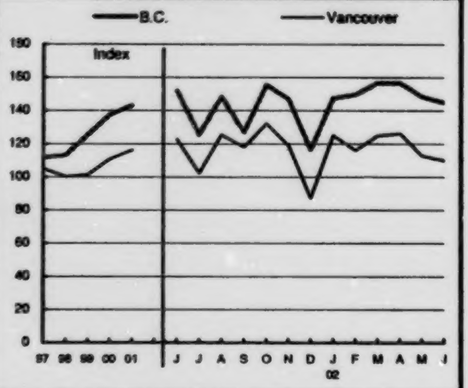
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



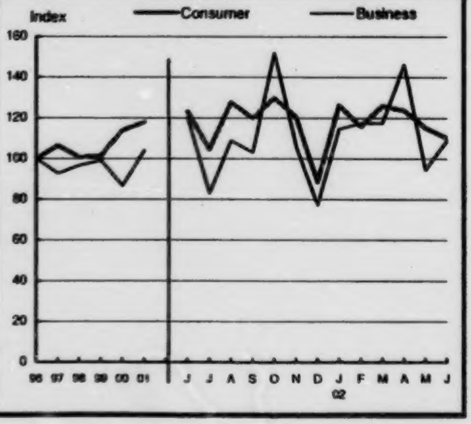
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver Consumer	Vancouver Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1997	3,593	389	7,366	895
1998	3,399	405	7,327	1,031
1999	3,428	415	8,179	1,075
2000	3,842	363	9,181	976
2001	3,977	436	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	2,034	216	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	2,017	244	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

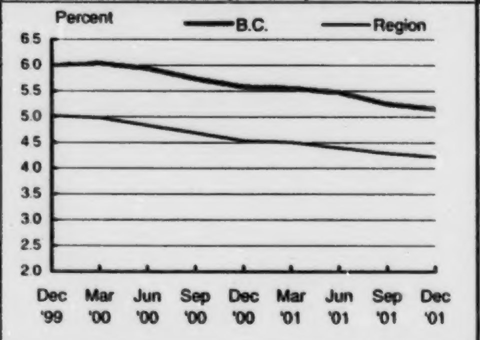
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64	Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Sep '99	5.2	7.8	4.6	4.4	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.6	1.4	Sep '99
	Dec '99	5.0	7.5	4.4	4.3	2.1	2.7	2.1	2.9	2.1	Dec '99
	Mar '00	5.0	7.5	4.5	4.3	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.9	2.0	Mar '00
	Jun '00	4.8	7.3	4.3	4.1	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.3	1.3	Jun '00
	Sep '00	4.7	7.2	4.2	4.0	2.0	1.9	1.5	2.1	1.1	Sep '00
	Dec '00	4.5	6.9	4.1	3.9	2.0	2.3	1.9	2.5	1.9	Dec '00
	Mar '01	4.5	6.8	4.2	3.9	1.9	2.5	2.0	2.7	1.8	Mar '01
	Jun '01	4.4	6.7	4.1	3.7	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.5	1.4	Jun '01
	Sep '01	4.3	6.5	4.0	3.6	1.8	2.4	1.9	2.8	1.2	Sep '01
	Dec '01	4.2	6.3	3.9	3.6	1.8					

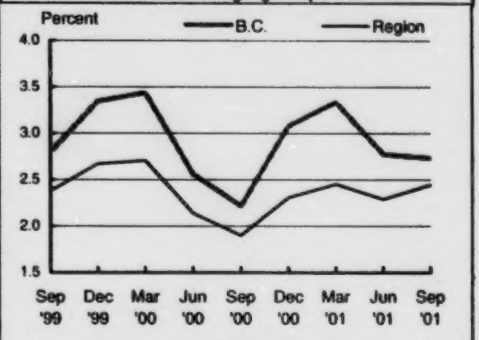
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	75,355	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	36.8	41.4
1-2 Years	16.9	17.5
>2 Years	46.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

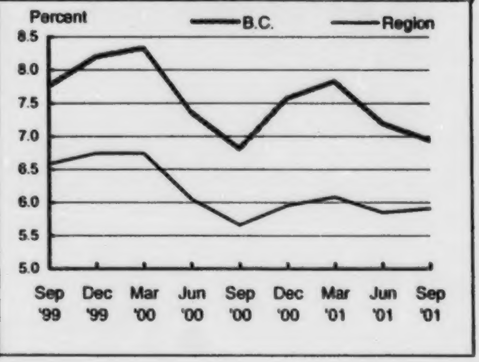
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Sep '99	6.6	6.4	7.0	4.6
	Dec '99	6.7	6.4	7.1	5.2
	Mar '00	6.7	6.6	7.1	5.0
	Jun '00	6.1	6.0	6.4	4.3
	Sep '00	5.7	5.6	6.0	4.0
	Dec '00	6.0	5.8	6.2	4.7
	Mar '01	6.1	6.0	6.4	4.5
	Jun '01	5.9	5.9	6.2	4.1
	Sep '01	5.9	5.7	6.3	3.9

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This is the most densely populated region in the province, over 100 times more so than the province as a whole. Although the region comprises only a small portion of the land base of the province, it contains approximately half the population. For this reason, many of the demographic characteristics of the area are similar to those of the province as a whole, although due to the more urban nature of the area, the total fertility rate is lower than the provincial rate.

Net migration to this area has been quite strong over the last twenty years, and it is projected that this will continue to be the case over the next two decades as well. The region can expect the addition of almost one million people in the next 30 years.

14 Projection

The Livable Region Strategic Plan will likely slow the current trend of growth outward toward the Valley and shift growth back into the urban core. As a result, this region will continue to experience strong growth and will remain the main population centre in the province.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

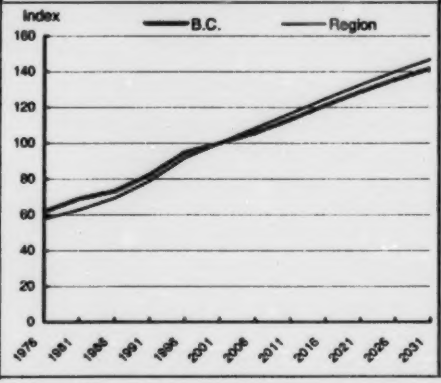
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	74.5	248.2	159.8	344.9	249.1	125.1	1,201.5	419.2	0.428	0.166	0.594	1976
1981	79.3	227.8	177.5	413.2	263.3	148.1	1,309.2	490.9	0.360	0.173	0.533	1981
1986	92.9	225.7	172.9	494.2	285.6	171.7	1,443.0	568.6	0.334	0.180	0.515	1986
1991	106.7	255.9	170.7	592.6	323.1	198.3	1,647.4	626.5	0.334	0.183	0.516	1991
1996	116.2	299.0	187.2	677.1	409.7	221.2	1,910.3	722.9	0.326	0.174	0.499	1996
2001	112.1	319.6	192.4	699.7	509.1	249.7	2,082.7	824.4	0.308	0.178	0.486	2001
2006	106.6	326.0	203.9	717.4	619.1	283.1	2,256.1	920.4	0.281	0.184	0.465	2006
2011	112.2	318.0	213.3	739.4	716.6	327.3	2,426.7	1,021.7	0.258	0.196	0.454	2011
2016	119.3	313.2	218.2	771.0	770.3	405.4	2,597.5	1,127.1	0.246	0.230	0.476	2016
2021	124.6	324.0	207.4	808.8	802.6	493.8	2,761.4	1,219.0	0.247	0.272	0.518	2021
2026	127.1	340.5	205.3	828.1	824.9	590.9	2,916.7	1,296.2	0.252	0.318	0.570	2026
2031	127.0	353.5	214.2	831.3	848.8	683.0	3,057.7	1,370.4	0.254	0.361	0.614	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

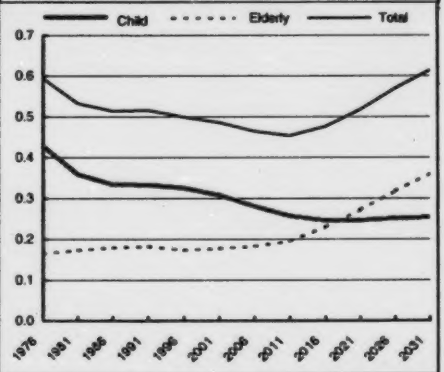
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Hazelton, Kitimat, New Hazelton, Stewart, Terrace

Forestry and mining are important economic drivers for this region. The Eskay Creek Mine near Stewart is one of the largest silver producers in the world. The Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999 due to ore depletion. The Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat is the main employer in that area and is the largest aluminum smelter in Canada outside Quebec.

There have been several developments affecting this region recently. The recent Nisga'a land claims settlement could have significant effects for the entire region, and the Nisga'a area in particular. However, the effects of the Nisga'a settlement are still largely unknown. This area is high in mineral potential and several new mines are being considered, which could have significant employment impacts for the region. In addition, Alcan has reached an agreement with the government over compensation for the Kemano Completion Project, which could lead to another smelter or smelter expansion in Kitimat.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kitimat-Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	958	1,405	96	50	10	1,561	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	161	224	16	2	0	242	15.5%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	2	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	2	1	1	0	4	0.3%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	151	172	4	5	0	181	11.6%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	17	39	6	6	3	54	3.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	33	54	4	2	0	60	3.8%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	77	158	11	12	0	181	11.6%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	108	113	5	4	0	122	7.8%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	6	18	2	0	0	20	1.3%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	25	23	4	0	0	27	1.7%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	99	53	4	0	0	57	3.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	85	88	4	2	0	94	6.0%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	38	12	0	0	1	13	0.8%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	46	65	0	0	0	65	4.2%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	5	11	1	1	3	16	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	118	9	7	2	136	8.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14	26	2	0	0	28	1.8%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	36	75	14	5	0	94	6.0%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	46	134	1	0	0	135	8.6%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	18	8	3	1	30	1.9%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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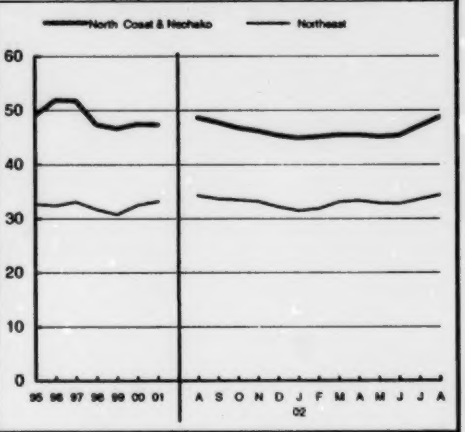
Regional District

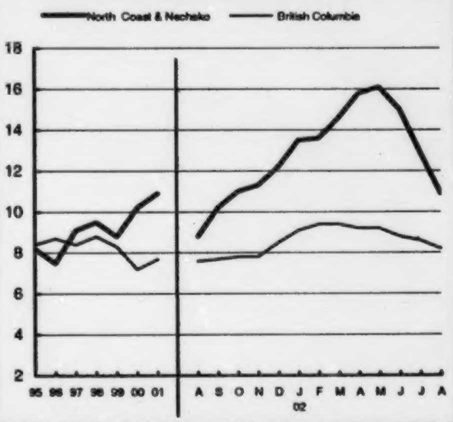
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	31.7	NA	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2001		47.4	10.9	33.2	5.9	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	32.4	4.7	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	32.3	NA	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	32.5	4.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	32.7	5.5	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	33.7	5.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	34.5	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	34.8	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	34.3	7.0	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	47.8	10.2	33.7	7.2	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	46.8	11.0	33.5	5.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	46.2	11.3	33.2	5.2	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	45.4	12.2	32.2	6.1	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	44.9	13.5	31.5	8.7	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	45.2	13.6	31.9	8.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	45.5	14.6	33.1	7.3	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	45.5	15.8	33.4	7.7	1,920.8	9.2
	May	45.2	16.1	32.9	10.1	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	45.4	15.0	32.8	11.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	47.1	12.9	33.6	10.6	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	48.8	10.9	34.4	9.2	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	33.6	5.7	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	46.6	13.6	33.4	9.2	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.2		-0.6		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



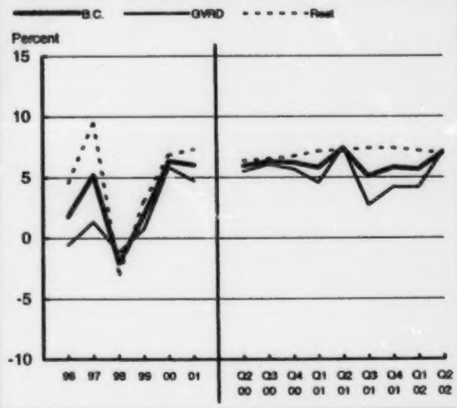
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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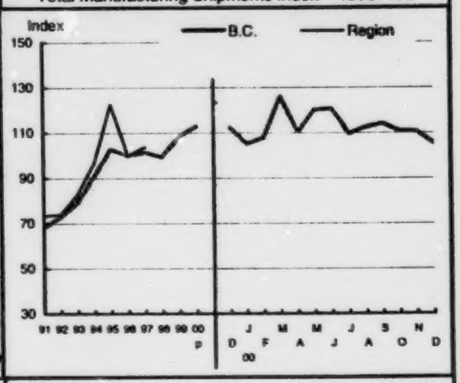
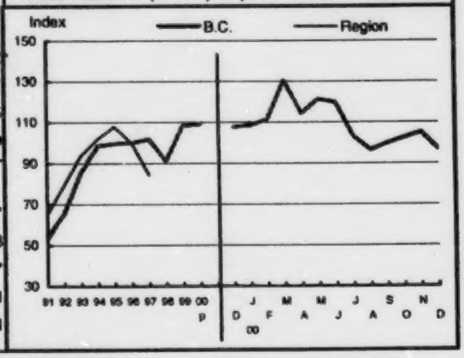
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	7	9	9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	5	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	5	4	2	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	21	19	27	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	218.6	237.6	251.7	233.3	196.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	7.2	6.1	**	10.8	12.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	910.5	1,063.8	1,343.1	1,096.9	1,138.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	23	0	**	**
25	Wood	819	615	689	619	622
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	42	29	**	44	55
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,405	3,064	3,411	4,010	3,879
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.8	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	39.6	37.0	38.2	36.1	31.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	0.9	**	1.7	2.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	199.6	178.3	198.5	195.2	190.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

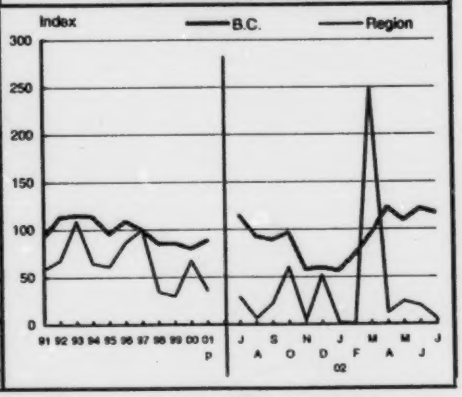


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	30.7	14.8	2.8	5.1	6.9	15.8	111
1995	28.9	11.8	3.0	7.5	1.3	17.1	112
1996	41.0	17.8	7.0	9.6	1.2	23.2	174
1997	47.4	28.5	17.1	10.5	0.9	18.8	125
1998	16.4	6.4	2.6	2.4	1.3	10.0	50
1999	14.4	7.5	3.8	3.5	0.3	6.8	32
2000	31.7	25.4	0.3	3.8	21.3	6.4	25
2001	17.1	14.7	0.1	2.5	12.1	2.4	8
YTD Jul '01	11.4	9.4	0.1	2.3	7.0	2.0	7
YTD Jul '02	12.3	11.0	0.1	1.2	9.7	1.3	4

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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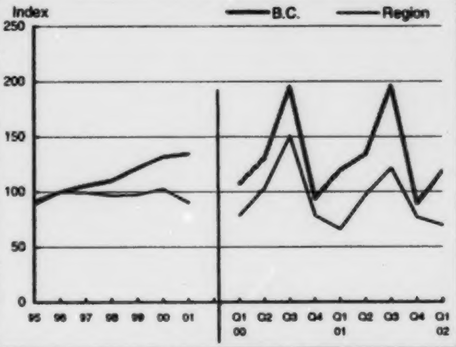
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	1998	8,197.1	1,514.0	2,192.2	2,821.8	1,669.0
	1999	8,243.3	1,400.8	2,184.4	2,777.5	1,880.6
	2000	8,684.9	1,664.9	2,184.7	3,175.0	1,660.2
	2001	7,634.0	1,396.8	2,047.9	2,564.3	1,625.0
	2002	1,476.2	1,476.2			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Kitimat-Stikine 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	7,626.5	100.0%
Hotels	3,895.8	51.1%
Motels	3,001.0	39.4%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

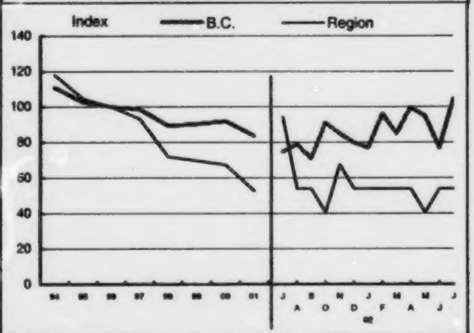


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	105
1995	93
1996	89
1997	83
1998	64
1999	62
2000	60
2001	47
Jan-Jul 01	27
Jan-Jul 02	27

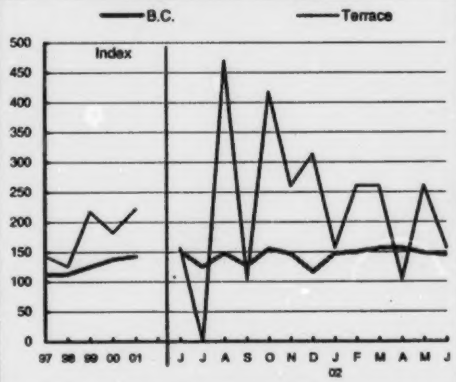
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



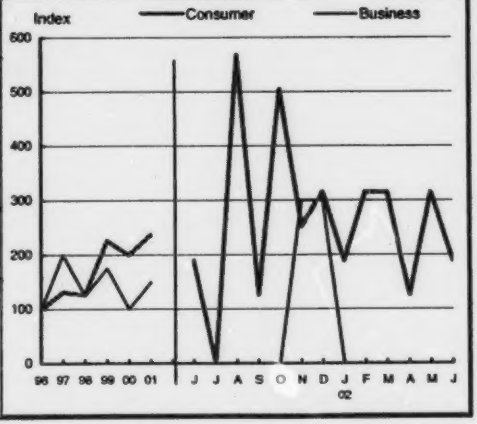
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Terrace		Kitimat		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	25	8	10	1	7,366	895
1998	24	5	6	1	7,327	1,031
1999	43	7	21	0	8,179	1,075
2000	38	4	27	0	9,181	976
2001	45	6	25	2	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	17	4	16	0	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	23	0	16	3	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Sep '99	8.5	10.7	13.0	6.8	3.9
	Dec '99	8.6	10.6	13.0	7.0	3.9
	Mar '00	8.7	10.9	13.2	7.2	3.8
	Jun '00	8.8	11.4	13.7	7.1	4.0
	Sep '00	8.4	11.0	12.9	6.5	3.9
	Dec '00	8.3	10.5	12.9	6.6	3.8
	Mar '01	8.3	10.4	13.4	6.7	3.6
	Jun '01	8.7	10.8	14.1	7.0	3.7
	Sep '01	8.5	11.2	13.3	6.6	3.9
	Dec '01	8.8	11.8	13.1	6.8	3.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

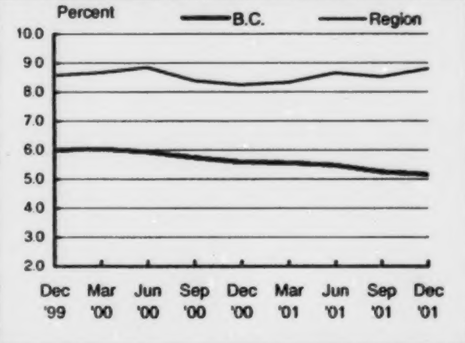
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Sep '99	4.2	3.3	4.7	2.4
Dec '99	5.3	4.4	5.8	3.5
Mar '00	5.6	4.6	6.1	3.8
Jun '00	3.3	2.8	3.6	2.0
Sep '00	3.1	2.6	3.4	2.2
Dec '00	4.7	4.5	4.9	3.6
Mar '01	6.5	5.6	7.0	4.4
Jun '01	4.3	3.7	4.7	2.9
Sep '01	4.7	3.4	5.3	2.7

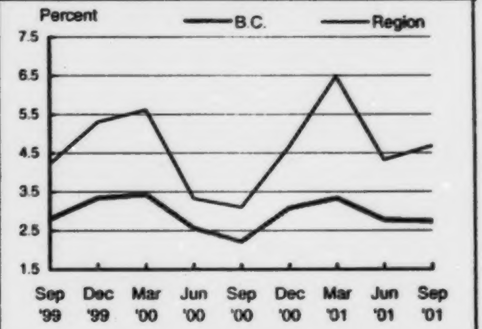
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,263	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.0	41.4
1-2 Years	17.7	17.5
>2 Years	34.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

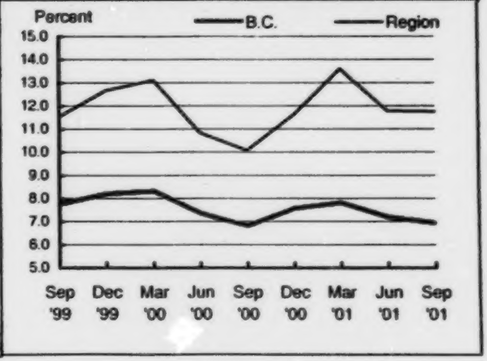
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Sep '99	11.5	16.2	11.4	7.1
	Dec '99	12.7	17.1	12.6	8.2
	Mar '00	13.1	17.5	13.2	8.1
	Jun '00	10.8	16.3	10.6	6.2
	Sep '00	10.1	15.3	9.7	6.5
	Dec '00	11.6	17.1	11.2	7.9
	Mar '01	13.6	18.6	13.5	8.8
	Jun '01	11.8	17.5	11.5	7.4
	Sep '01	11.8	16.2	11.7	7.4

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The gender ratio for this region is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. This is likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. The median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children and far fewer elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

This region is expected to experience moderate growth throughout the projection period from a combination of positive natural increase (excess of births over deaths) and positive net migration and there may be rapid growth if proposed projects such as smelter expansion or new mines become reality.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	11.7	5.5	11.8	5.0	1.0	39.2	10.4	0.713	0.046	0.759	1976
1981	4.3	11.3	6.5	14.0	5.6	1.1	43.0	12.5	0.598	0.043	0.642	1981
1986	3.9	10.0	5.0	13.7	6.3	1.5	40.3	12.6	0.555	0.060	0.615	1986
1991	4.0	9.9	4.8	14.7	7.4	2.0	42.7	13.8	0.517	0.074	0.591	1991
1996	3.7	10.2	4.8	15.3	8.7	2.6	45.5	15.2	0.485	0.091	0.576	1996
2001	2.7	9.6	4.6	13.5	9.4	3.0	42.8	14.9	0.444	0.109	0.553	2001
2006	2.7	8.5	4.4	12.8	10.7	3.4	42.5	15.6	0.403	0.123	0.526	2006
2011	2.6	7.8	4.8	12.6	12.3	4.4	44.4	17.4	0.349	0.149	0.497	2011
2016	2.6	7.2	4.6	12.8	13.2	5.7	46.1	19.1	0.321	0.187	0.508	2016
2021	2.6	7.1	3.9	13.3	13.3	7.2	47.4	20.1	0.318	0.235	0.553	2021
2026	2.5	7.1	3.8	13.3	13.0	8.7	48.4	20.9	0.320	0.290	0.610	2026
2031	2.4	7.0	3.8	12.9	12.8	10.1	49.0	21.3	0.320	0.342	0.662	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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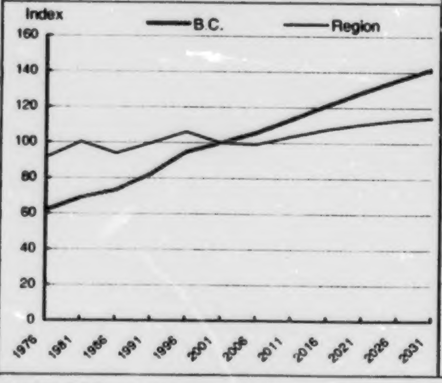

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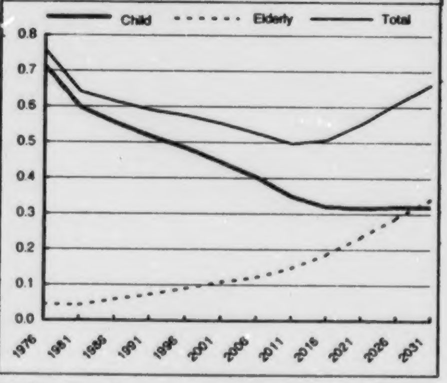

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fruitvale, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, Montrose, Rossland, Trail, Warfield

The Cominco Smelter at Trail is the main economic driver for this region. Most of the people working in the Trail area are either directly employed by Cominco, or work in a job providing goods and services that is directly or indirectly dependent on Cominco. In the Grand Forks and Kettle Valley areas, forestry is the main economic driver.

There are major hydroelectric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost employment for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit to begin in 2002. The Keenleyside dam construction is also underway and the Brilliant dam is being updated and expanded, with completion expected in 2002.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay-Boundary							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	856	1,098	63	34	10	1,205	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	98	84	4	3	0	91	7.6%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	6	4	0	0	0	4	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	1	5	0.4%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	137	106	5	3	1	115	9.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	41	49	6	3	2	60	5.0%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	39	34	2	1	0	37	3.1%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	117	150	15	4	0	169	14.0%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	35	49	2	0	0	51	4.2%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	6	13	1	1	0	15	1.2%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	26	20	2	1	1	24	2.0%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	104	43	3	0	1	47	3.9%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	73	91	2	0	0	93	7.7%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	26	7	0	0	0	7	0.6%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	30	42	2	0	0	44	3.7%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	7	9	0	0	3	12	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	8	107	3	9	1	120	10.0%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12	33	2	1	0	36	3.0%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	30	114	10	4	0	128	10.6%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	60	121	2	1	0	124	10.3%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	19	1	3	0	23	1.9%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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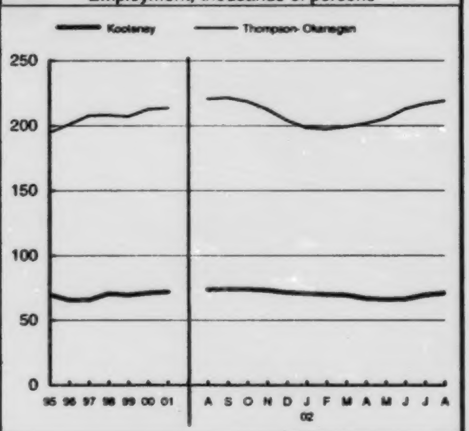
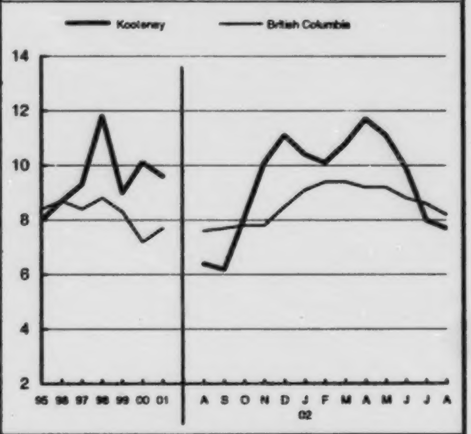
3. Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	69.9	10.2	216.0	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	72.0	9.2	218.7	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	72.6	8.4	221.8	9.2	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	73.7	6.4	220.7	10.3	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	74.3	6.2	221.5	10.1	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	74.0	8.1	218.6	8.7	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	73.3	10.1	212.6	7.8	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	71.6	11.1	204.2	8.5	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	70.7	10.4	198.3	9.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	70.1	10.1	197.4	10.2	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	69.5	10.8	199.3	10.3	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	66.9	11.7	201.7	10.4	1,920.8	9.2
	May	66.3	11.1	205.5	10.3	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	66.5	9.9	212.8	10.1	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	69.6	8.0	217.0	9.6	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	71.0	7.7	219.1	9.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	71.6	9.2	216.4	9.6	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	69.0	9.6	208.8	10.1	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-3.5		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



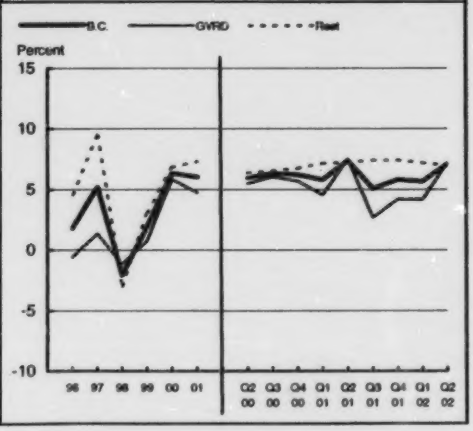
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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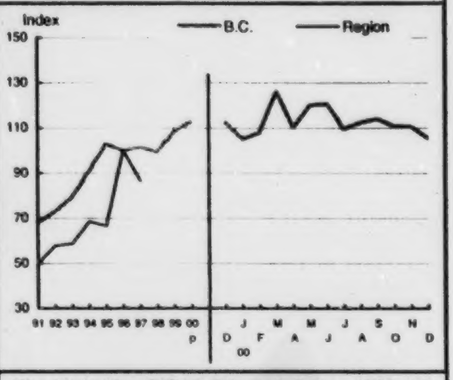
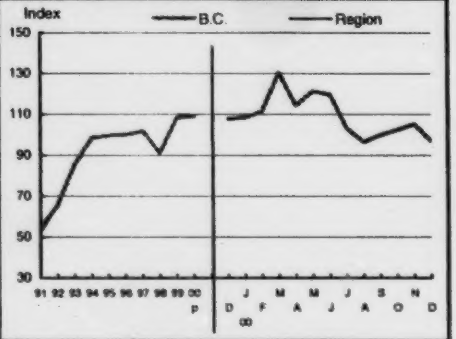
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	6	6	6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	2	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	19	19	22	20
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	219.1	176.0	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	143.2	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	359.4	420.0	406.8	611.9	530.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	**	991	728	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	453	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,043	3,139	2,826	2,889	2,888
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	42.2	34.4	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	22.3	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	137.2	145.1	141.9	148.6	166.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

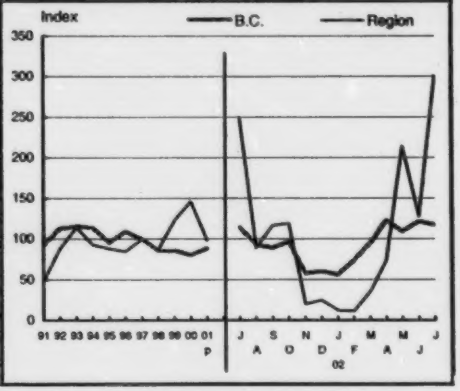


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

˜6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	38.1	10.5	1.9	7.7	0.9	27.6	269
1995	36.2	19.0	11.8	3.9	3.4	17.2	147
1996	34.8	17.5	6.4	10.2	0.8	17.3	162
1997	41.0	18.0	5.4	10.3	2.4	23.0	220
1998	35.5	11.4	1.8	7.9	1.7	24.1	185
1999	50.4	25.2	12.3	7.2	5.8	25.2	233
2000	60.0	30.8	19.2	10.0	1.6	29.2	189
2001	40.1	18.3	3.9	4.0	10.5	21.8	139
YTD Jul '01	27.5	15.9	3.3	2.1	10.5	11.6	83
YTD Jul '02	26.5	3.4	0.3	1.2	1.9	23.1	113

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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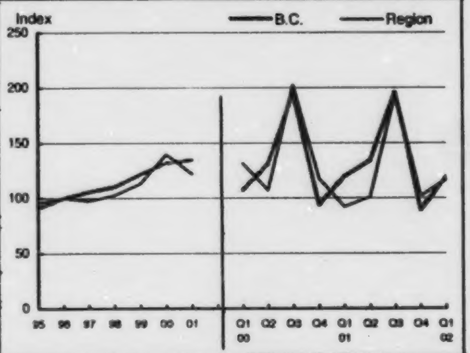
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	1998	4,580.5	1,179.0	983.6	1,562.2	835.8
	1999	5,029.8	1,327.6	976.1	1,717.7	1,008.4
	2000	6,199.4	1,458.3	1,189.2	2,243.9	1,307.9
	2001	5,423.5	1,023.9	1,124.5	2,145.9	1,129.1
	2002	1,297.3	1,297.3			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Kootenay-B'ndary 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	5,423.5	100.0%
Motels	3,250.8	59.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

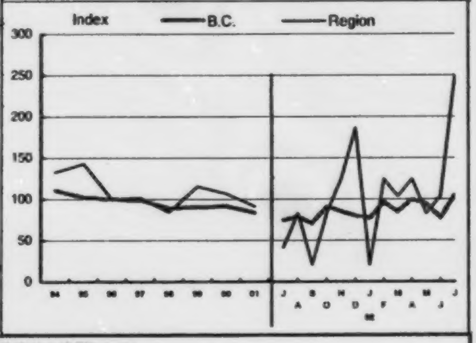


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	77
1995	83
1996	58
1997	59
1998	49
1999	67
2000	62
2001	53
Jan-Jul 01	29
Jan-Jul 02	39

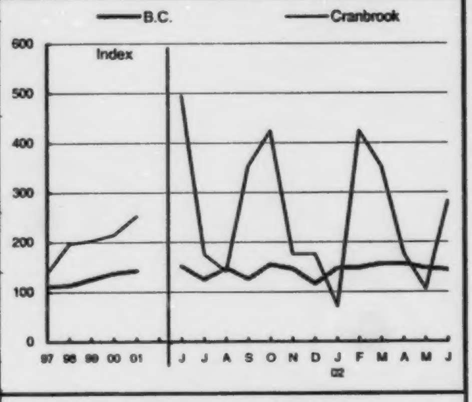
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



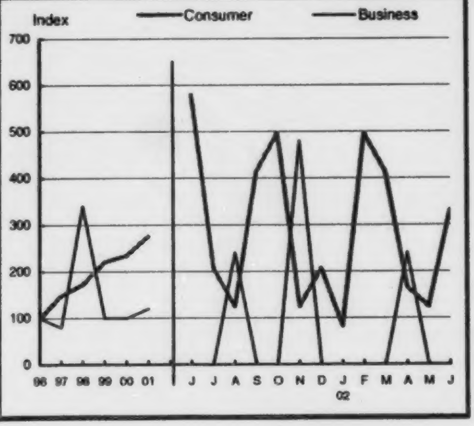
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	42	3	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	39	1	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot Female 19-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Sep '99	6.6	9.5	7.0	5.8	3.5
	Dec '99	6.4	8.8	8.0	5.7	3.1
	Mar '00	6.8	9.6	7.9	6.1	3.3
	Jun '00	6.9	10.1	7.2	6.1	3.5
	Sep '00	6.5	9.4	7.1	5.7	3.3
	Dec '00	6.2	8.7	6.9	5.5	3.1
	Mar '01	6.5	9.3	7.0	5.8	3.1
	Jun '01	6.3	9.3	7.0	5.5	3.2
	Sep '01	5.8	8.3	6.4	5.1	3.0
	Dec '01	5.6	7.9	6.0	4.9	2.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

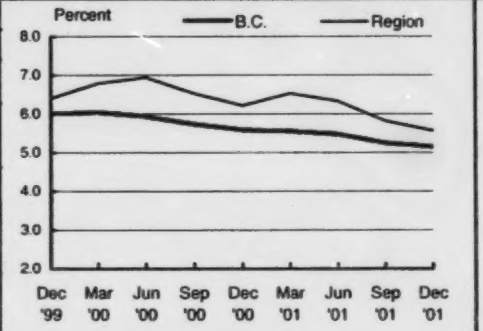
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.9	3.4	3.2	1.4	Sep '99
4.3	6.3	4.8	1.2	Dec '99
4.7	5.9	5.4	1.3	Mar '00
3.0	2.9	3.5	1.3	Jun '00
2.3	2.6	2.5	1.4	Sep '00
3.9	5.2	4.3	1.7	Dec '00
4.8	5.3	5.5	2.1	Mar '01
3.2	3.6	3.7	1.4	Jun '01
2.9	3.1	3.4	1.2	Sep '01

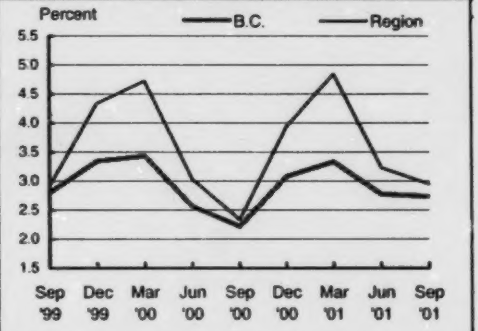
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,544	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	38.9	41.4
1-2 Years	19.5	17.5
>2 Years	41.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

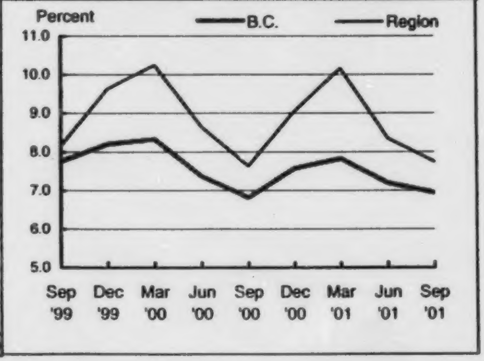
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Sep '99	8.2	10.2	8.9	4.1
	Dec '99	9.6	14.0	10.4	4.1
	Mar '00	10.2	13.4	11.4	3.9
	Jun '00	8.6	10.0	9.5	4.4
	Sep '00	7.6	9.7	8.1	4.5
	Dec '00	9.1	12.0	9.6	4.9
	Mar '01	10.2	12.1	11.1	5.2
	Jun '01	8.4	10.5	9.0	4.5
	Sep '01	7.7	9.4	8.4	4.2

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is older than the provincial median. As a result, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. However, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population is also higher than the provincial ratio. This age structure is likely the result of layoffs in the resource sectors and at Cominco, that have forced those young workers with less seniority to move elsewhere to find jobs. Those left behind are generally older and more likely to have families.

14 Projection

Job losses in the forestry sector will likely continue resulting in out-migration for the short-term. This region is expected to receive small net inflows of migrants over in the long-term and this will lead to slow, steady population growth. However, towards the end of the projection the losses due to a negative natural increase (i.e., deaths outnumbering births) may outweigh inflows of migrants and there could be a slight population decline.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	2.2	7.5	4.2	7.8	7.5	3.3	32.5	10.9	0.500	0.170	0.670	1976
1981	2.3	6.8	4.4	9.2	7.2	4.2	34.1	12.4	0.436	0.200	0.637	1981
1986	2.2	5.8	2.8	9.0	6.8	4.7	31.4	12.3	0.431	0.250	0.681	1986
1991	2.0	5.9	2.5	9.7	6.7	5.2	32.0	12.7	0.417	0.275	0.692	1991
1996	1.8	6.4	2.4	9.7	8.1	5.7	34.1	13.9	0.404	0.281	0.686	1996
2001	1.3	5.7	3.1	8.1	9.2	6.0	33.4	13.8	0.343	0.295	0.638	2001
2006	1.3	4.6	3.2	7.0	10.3	6.4	32.7	14.9	0.285	0.312	0.597	2006
2011	1.4	3.9	2.8	7.2	10.9	6.7	32.9	15.9	0.257	0.318	0.575	2011
2016	1.5	3.9	2.4	7.8	10.2	7.6	33.4	16.6	0.266	0.372	0.638	2016
2021	1.4	4.1	2.0	8.4	8.9	8.8	33.6	16.8	0.287	0.454	0.741	2021
2026	1.2	4.2	2.0	8.0	8.2	9.8	33.5	17.0	0.298	0.539	0.836	2026
2031	1.2	4.0	2.2	7.1	8.5	10.3	33.3	17.3	0.287	0.576	0.863	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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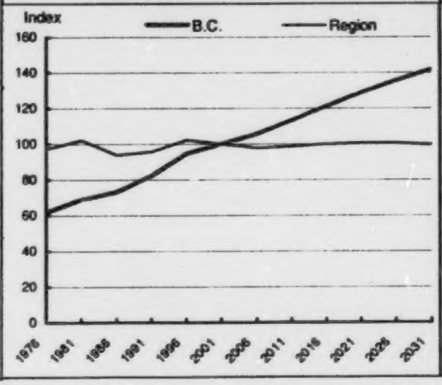

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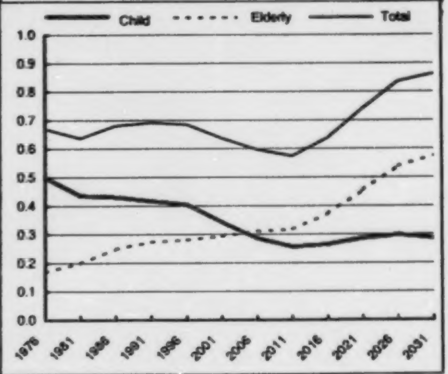

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Mount Waddington
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill

Forestry is by far the most important economic activity in this region, although fishing and tourism also play important roles. The forest sector is dominated by logging activity and the pulp mill at Port Alice.

Developments in the resource sectors will likely determine the amount and direction of population growth in this area. The downturn in the forest sector, reductions to the commercial fishing fleet and downsizing by the Federal government have hurt this region and out-migration has resulted.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mount Waddington							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	426	574	42	11	3	630	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	106	106	4	5	1	116	18.4%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	51	49	5	0	0	54	8.6%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	21	33	2	1	1	37	5.9%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	20	24	2	0	0	26	4.1%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	41	66	6	2	0	74	11.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	24	56	0	0	0	56	8.9%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1	7	1	0	0	8	1.3%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	9	6	1	0	0	7	1.1%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	31	14	1	0	0	15	2.4%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	25	34	0	0	0	34	5.4%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	26	3	0	0	0	3	0.5%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	10	21	1	0	0	22	3.5%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	-	3	0	0	1	4	0.6%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	2	29	3	1	0	33	5.2%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	6	16	1	0	0	17	2.7%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	23	58	6	1	0	65	10.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	28	42	3	0	0	45	7.1%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	6	6	1	0	13	2.1%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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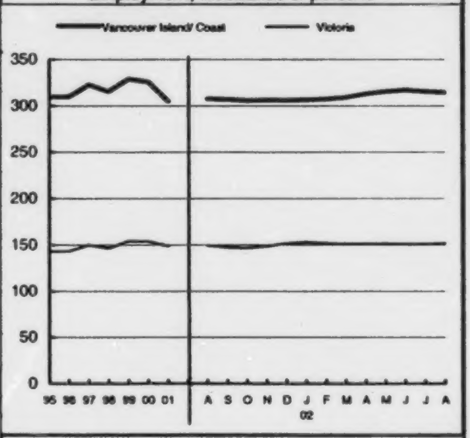
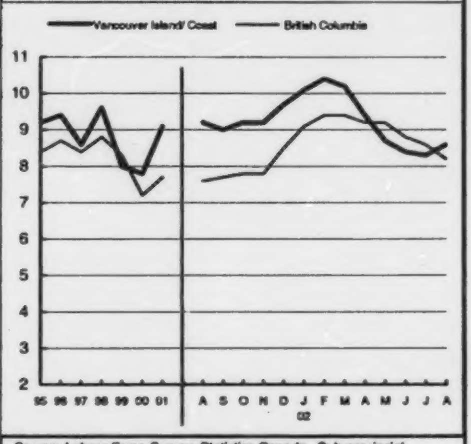
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001		305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	307.2	9.0	147.5	6.5	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	305.8	9.2	146.8	6.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	306.6	9.2	148.6	5.7	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	306.3	9.7	151.9	5.9	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	306.9	10.1	153.2	6.4	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	307.5	10.4	151.7	7.4	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	309.3	10.2	151.2	7.9	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	313.0	9.4	151.1	7.6	1,920.8	9.2
	May	315.5	8.7	151.6	6.9	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	317.1	8.4	150.8	6.9	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	315.7	8.3	151.2	7.0	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	314.5	8.6	151.8	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	313.1	9.2	151.5	7.3	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	2.8		2.1		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



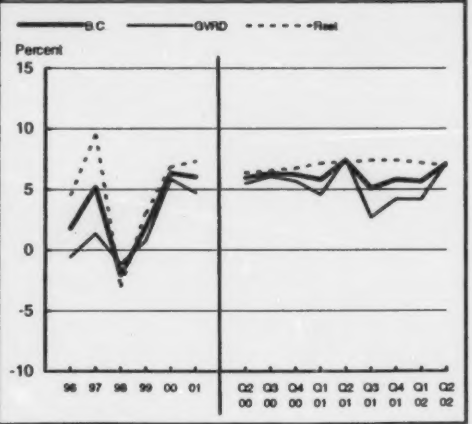
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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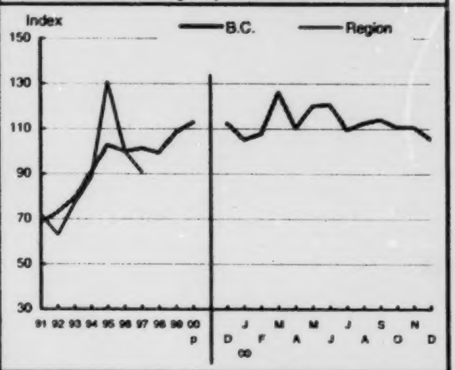
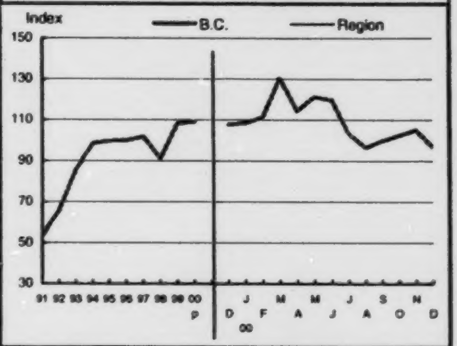
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	2	2	2	4	4
25	Wood	1	1	2	4	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	2	1	3	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	10	15	19	18
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	33.2
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	210.9	242.5	358.2	274.2	248.9
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	196
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	900	1,024	1,057	1,045	1,095
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	5.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42.7	45.7	54.4	52.9	60.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

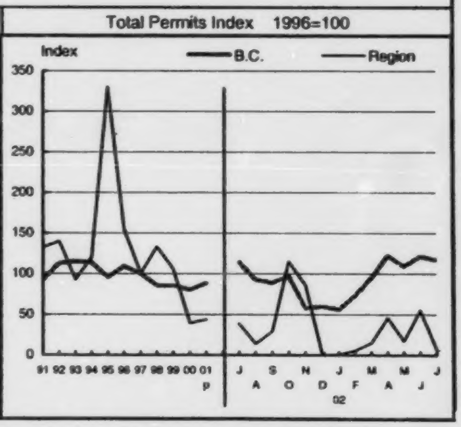


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	7.3	2.2	0.4	1.2	0.6	5.1	50
1995	19.9	12.1	0.5	2.2	9.4	7.8	65
1996	9.3	2.1	0.6	1.3	0.2	7.2	67
1997	6.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	4.1	30
1998	8.0	5.2	0.4	2.2	2.6	2.8	21
1999	6.4	4.7	1.5	1.1	2.2	1.7	9
2000	2.4	1.3	0.2	1.1	0.0	1.0	4
2001	2.6	1.4	0.0	0.4	1.0	1.2	5
YTD Jul '01	1.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.0	4
YTD Jul '02	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	2

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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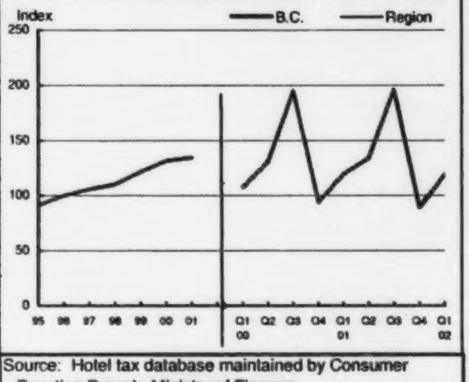
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mt. Waddington Regional District	1998	4,432.5	536.1	1,132.5	2,227.2	536.8
	1999	4,607.0	435.8	1,173.3	2,339.8	658.0
	2000	5,318.3	589.3	1,302.7	2,693.0	733.2
	2001	5,306.9	732.8	1,292.3	2,702.1	579.7
	2002	554.4	554.4			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Mt. Waddington 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,431.5

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

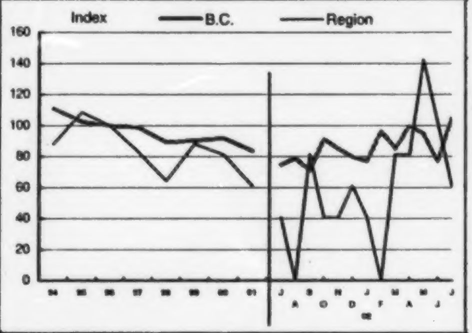


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	52
1995	64
1996	59
1997	49
1998	38
1999	52
2000	48
2001	36
Jan-Jul 01	25
Jan-Jul 02	25

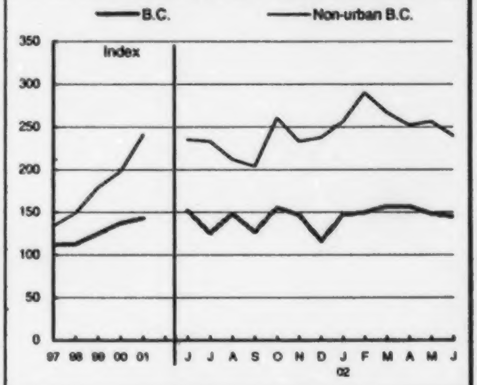
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



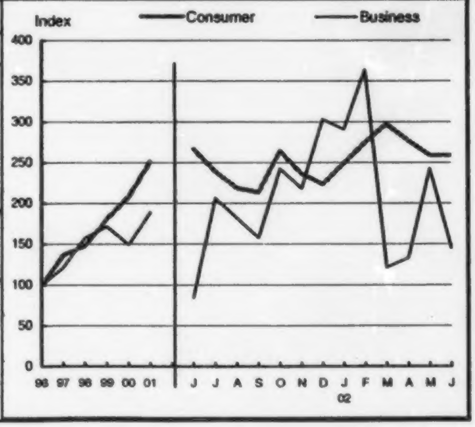
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
2001	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Sep '99	4.9	6.6	7.6	3.8	2.6
	Dec '99	4.7	6.4	6.4	3.7	2.5
	Mar '00	4.6	5.8	6.8	3.8	2.2
	Jun '00	4.2	5.7	5.2	3.4	2.4
	Sep '00	4.2	5.7	6.4	3.3	2.3
	Dec '00	4.6	6.0	8.8	3.4	2.1
	Mar '01	4.6	6.1	8.0	3.5	2.1
	Jun '01	4.5	6.0	9.5	3.2	2.3
	Sep '01	4.3	6.3	7.4	3.0	2.5
	Dec '01	4.3	6.1	8.4	3.1	2.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

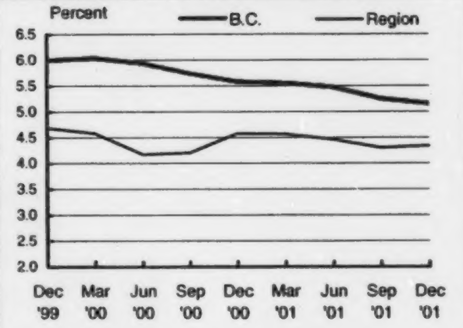
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)
	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Sep '99	3.3	2.7	3.6	2.3
Dec '99	5.3	3.9	5.8	3.8
Mar '00	5.4	4.8	5.7	4.3
Jun '00	3.2	5.3	3.1	1.9
Sep '00	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.7
Dec '00	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.7
Mar '01	4.4	3.7	4.8	3.3
Jun '01	3.1	3.0	3.3	2.1
Sep '01	4.0	3.5	4.3	2.9

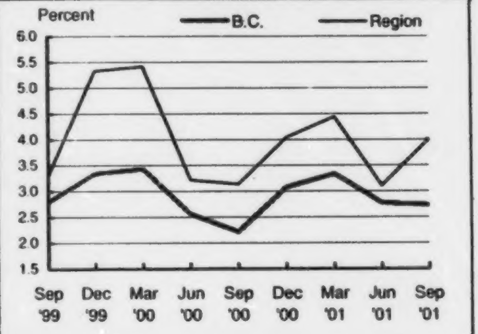
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	551	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	64.3	41.4
1-2 Years	18.7	17.5
>2 Years	17.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

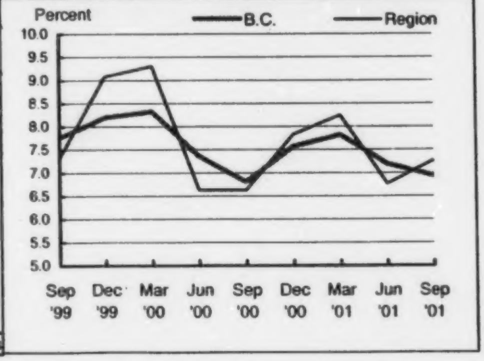
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Sep '99	7.3	10.2	7.3	4.9
	Dec '99	9.1	10.0	9.4	6.3
	Mar '00	9.3	11.1	9.4	7.3
	Jun '00	6.6	10.5	6.4	4.6
	Sep '00	6.6	9.5	6.4	5.4
	Dec '00	7.8	12.6	7.4	6.3
	Mar '01	8.2	11.6	8.2	5.8
	Jun '01	6.8	11.9	6.4	4.6
	Sep '01	7.3	10.6	7.1	5.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors is the reason for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this area. Nonetheless the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial average.

The median age of the population is also substantially younger than the provincial median and this is reflected in the child and elderly dependency ratios. The child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is higher than the provincial ratio, while the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is substantially lower than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The long-term outlook for this region is for consistent net migration outflows. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will likely continue to drop, lowering the population growth rate even further over the duration of the projection.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

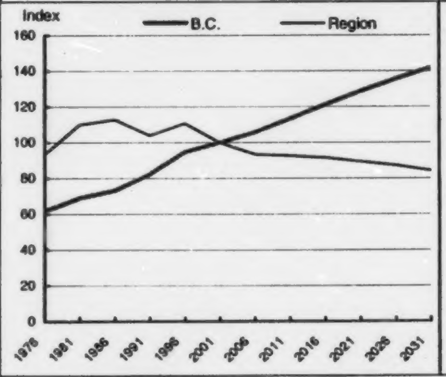
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.4	3.3	1.9	4.4	1.6	0.3	12.8	3.6	0.593	0.042	0.635	1976
1981	1.7	3.4	2.3	5.6	1.8	0.3	15.1	4.8	0.528	0.035	0.563	1981
1986	1.6	3.5	1.8	6.0	2.1	0.4	15.5	5.2	0.513	0.040	0.554	1986
1991	1.3	3.3	1.3	5.4	2.5	0.5	14.3	5.0	0.501	0.054	0.555	1991
1996	1.2	3.4	1.4	5.4	3.2	0.6	15.2	5.5	0.460	0.061	0.521	1996
2001	0.9	2.9	1.3	4.5	3.4	0.7	13.7	5.2	0.411	0.078	0.489	2001
2006	0.8	2.3	1.2	4.9	3.1	0.6	12.9	5.2	0.339	0.061	0.400	2006
2011	0.7	2.1	1.0	4.7	3.4	0.8	12.7	5.4	0.307	0.084	0.391	2011
2016	0.6	1.8	1.0	4.2	3.9	1.0	12.6	5.6	0.271	0.109	0.380	2016
2021	0.6	1.6	0.8	3.9	4.1	1.2	12.3	5.6	0.253	0.138	0.392	2021
2026	0.6	1.4	0.8	3.6	4.2	1.4	12.0	5.6	0.236	0.165	0.401	2026
2031	0.5	1.3	0.6	3.3	4.0	1.8	11.6	5.5	0.235	0.233	0.467	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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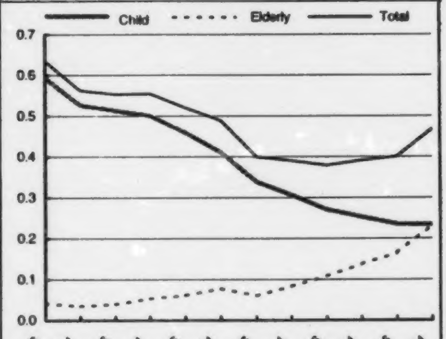

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Nanaimo
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach

Forestry is the primary economic driver in this region. The forest sector includes logging, lumber milling, veneer production, and pulp manufacturing. In addition, the service sector is an important segment of the economy. The City of Nanaimo is the main service and distribution centre for central Vancouver Island. The Qualicum area is a growing retirement centre, which also drives the service sector.

This region has experienced a great deal of residential construction in past years, with a few developments still underway in Parksville. This is a reflection of the strong population growth experienced recently in this region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nanaimo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	4,830	4,033	297	115	23	4,468	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	310	180	17	5	1	203	4.5%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	12	15	0	0	0	15	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	1,019	512	38	6	1	557	12.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	190	184	11	11	2	208	4.7%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	168	214	13	4	0	231	5.2%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	368	559	42	20	4	625	14.0%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	221	167	14	4	1	186	4.2%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	44	36	8	2	1	47	1.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	210	110	13	2	2	127	2.8%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	622	158	11	5	1	175	3.9%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	568	438	10	2	0	450	10.1%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	223	76	1	1	0	78	1.7%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	220	204	18	4	2	228	5.1%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	41	32	0	0	3	35	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	51	446	29	14	3	492	11.0%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	67	72	4	4	0	80	1.8%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	184	270	56	27	0	353	7.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	311	341	11	1	1	354	7.9%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	16	0	3	1	20	0.4%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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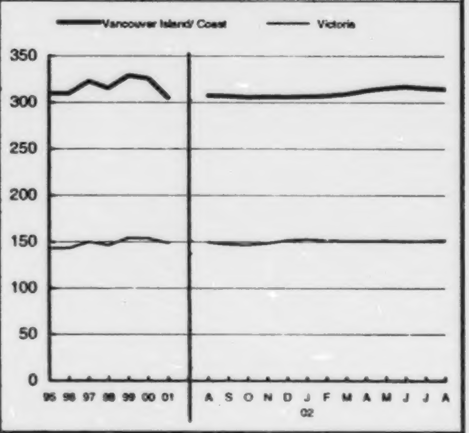
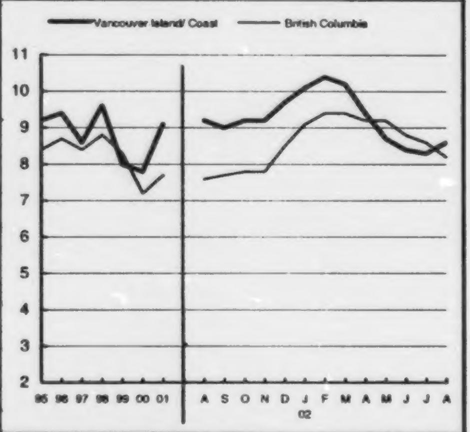
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	307.2	9.0	147.5	6.5	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	305.8	9.2	146.8	6.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	306.6	9.2	148.6	5.7	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	306.3	9.7	151.9	5.9	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	306.9	10.1	153.2	6.4	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	307.5	10.4	151.7	7.4	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	309.3	10.2	151.2	7.9	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	313.0	9.4	151.1	7.6	1,920.8	9.2
	May	315.5	8.7	151.6	6.9	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	317.1	8.4	150.8	6.9	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	315.7	8.3	151.2	7.0	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	314.5	8.6	151.8	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	313.1	9.2	151.5	7.3	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	2.8		2.1		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



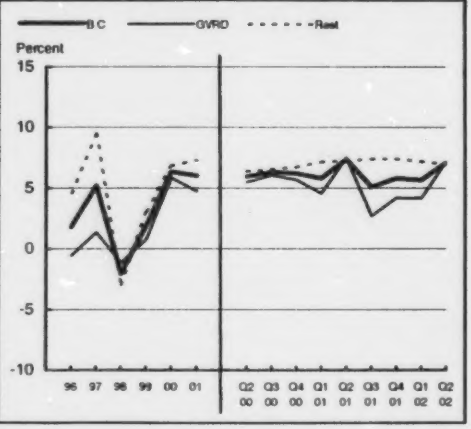
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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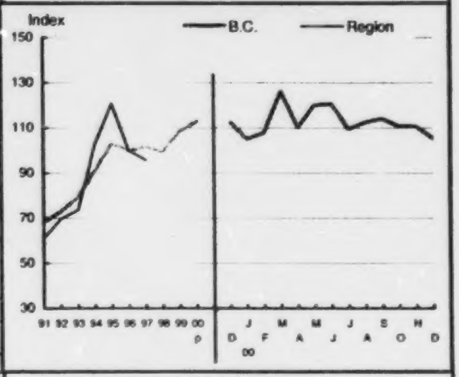
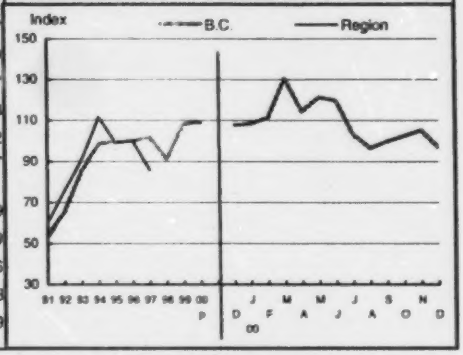
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	3	3	4	4
25	Wood	17	17	18	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	5	6	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	11	9	11	14	13
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	65	65	76	95	90
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	10.8	14.4
25	Wood	343.4	420.3	372.8	376.4	323.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	360.5	326.5	330.7	271.5
30	Metal Fabricating	7.5	9.7	**	13.6	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	533.1	742.9	870.6	722.7	692.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	97	137
25	Wood	1,021	1,235	896	998	1,040
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	926	677	789	777
30	Metal Fabricating	94	119	**	136	153
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,493	2,831	2,659	2,726	3,022
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	2.9	3.9
25	Wood	46.9	57.8	43.1	54.8	54.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	46.3	35.3	46.7	43.6
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.8	**	4.4	5.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	106.4	126.3	122.6	132.2	148.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

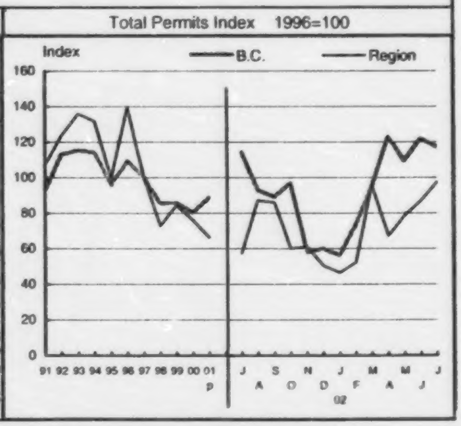


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	240.1	50.5	1.9	38.7	9.9	189.6	1,603
1995	181.7	50.8	12.8	20.0	18.1	130.9	968
1996	254.2	67.5	1.7	57.1	8.7	186.8	1,720
1997	182.3	52.7	2.6	37.7	12.4	129.6	1,008
1998	132.7	51.1	6.8	23.4	20.9	81.6	720
1999	153.8	61.0	4.3	43.2	13.4	92.7	704
2000	138.5	67.7	2.7	38.6	26.4	70.8	502
2001	120.9	51.0	2.6	30.7	17.7	69.9	488
YTD Jul '01	68.5	26.5	1.4	11.1	14.0	42.0	290
YTD Jul '02	79.7	13.9	0.3	11.4	2.3	65.8	456

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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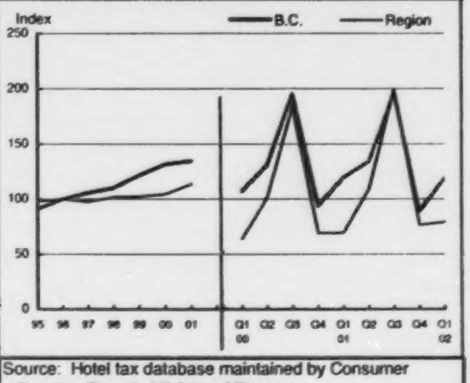
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nanaimo Regional District	1998	28,622.2	4,351.9	6,808.9	12,687.9	4,773.5
	1999	28,806.7	4,690.1	6,903.3	12,545.5	4,667.8
	2000	29,338.6	4,505.2	7,102.3	12,863.1	4,868.0
	2001	31,900.1	4,874.8	7,647.8	13,995.4	5,382.1
	2002	5,561.7	5,561.7			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Nanaimo 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	31,896.6	100.0%
Hotels	15,747.1	49.4%
Motels	7,136.4	22.4%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

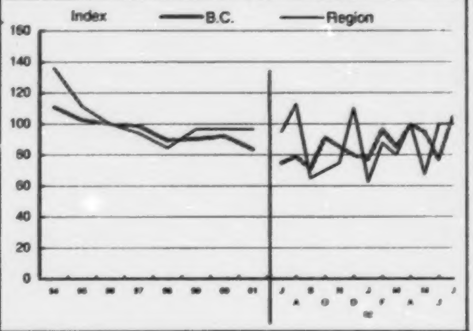


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	652
1995	534
1996	480
1997	452
1998	406
1999	464
2000	464
2001	463
Jan-Jul 01	290
Jan-Jul 02	239

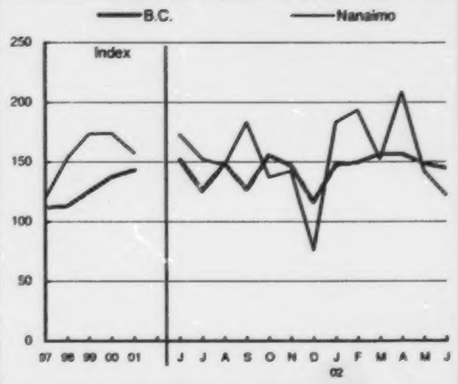
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



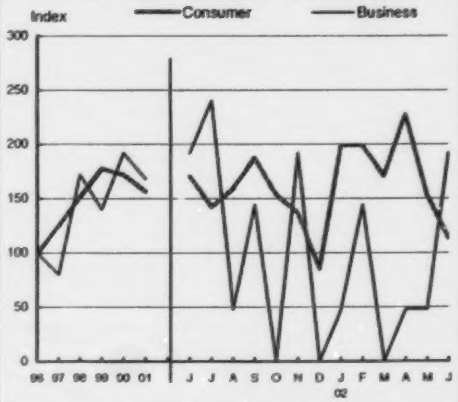
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Nanaimo		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	263	20	646	120	7,366	895
1998	319	43	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	375	35	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	363	48	983	148	9,181	976
2001	330	42	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	178	29	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	187	10	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Sep '99	10.4	14.6	15.0	9.1	4.5
	Dec '99	9.9	13.6	14.2	8.7	4.1
	Mar '00	10.0	13.9	14.2	8.8	4.1
	Jun '00	10.0	14.2	14.2	8.7	4.3
	Sep '00	9.9	13.9	14.0	8.6	4.3
	Dec '00	9.5	13.3	13.6	8.3	4.0
	Mar '01	9.4	13.2	13.4	8.3	3.9
	Jun '01	9.4	13.3	13.3	8.2	4.0
	Sep '01	9.2	13.1	13.1	8.0	4.0
	Dec '01	8.7	12.3	12.4	7.7	3.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

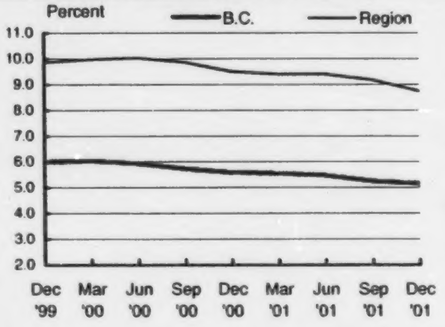
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	2.8	3.4	1.4	Sep '99
3.9	3.6	4.4	2.2	Dec '99
3.8	3.4	4.3	2.0	Mar '00
2.8	2.5	3.2	1.4	Jun '00
2.5	2.2	2.8	1.4	Sep '00
3.8	3.4	4.2	2.2	Dec '00
3.9	3.5	4.4	2.3	Mar '01
2.9	2.6	3.4	1.4	Jun '01
2.9	2.4	3.3	1.4	Sep '01

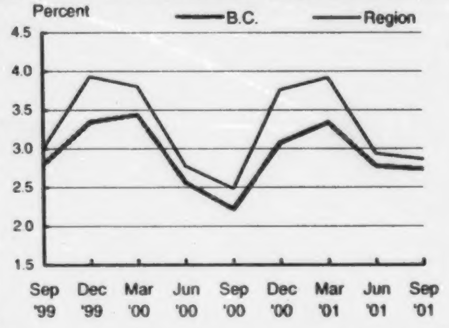
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	9,718	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	41.4	41.4
1-2 Years	17.7	17.5
>2 Years	40.9	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

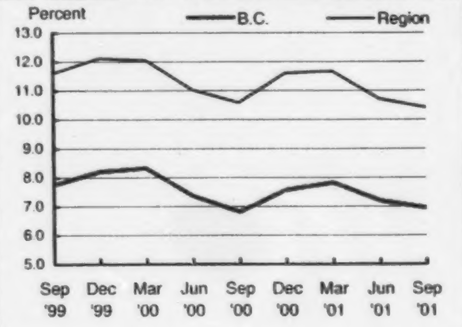
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Sep '99	11.6	17.3	12.3	4.8
	Dec '99	12.1	17.3	12.9	5.6
	Mar '00	12.1	17.1	12.9	5.4
	Jun '00	11.0	16.4	11.7	4.9
	Sep '00	10.6	15.7	11.2	4.7
	Dec '00	11.6	16.6	12.2	5.7
	Mar '01	11.7	16.4	12.4	5.6
	Jun '01	10.7	15.5	11.4	4.7
	Sep '01	10.4	15.1	11.1	4.6

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Although net migration to this region declined in the mid-eighties and late-nineties during the downturns in the forest sector, it remained positive. This is likely due to the strong service sector in Nanaimo. The large amount of service sector jobs combined with the substantial amount of retirees in the Qualicum area are likely the reasons why there is a gender bias in favour of females. With more females than males, Nanaimo is unlike neighbouring regions that are more dependent on the forest sector where jobs are more male-dominated. The retirement base is the reason why the median age of the region's population is higher than the provincial median.

14 Projection

Nanaimo's role as service centre for the central Island and the growing retirement base in the region should ensure that it continues to experience strong growth. It is projected that recent strong, positive net migration will persist in this area and it will continue to expand rapidly, growing in population by approximately 60 per cent over the next 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

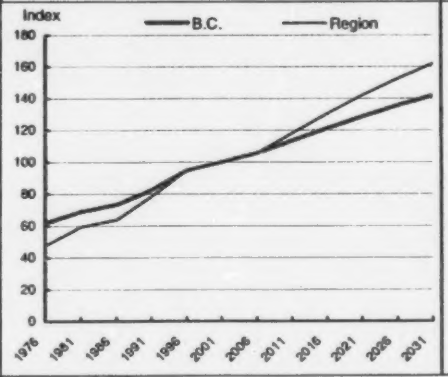
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	14.0	8.0	15.8	14.3	7.0	63.3	21.5	0.477	0.185	0.662	1976
1981	5.5	15.0	9.6	22.9	16.5	9.5	79.0	29.5	0.417	0.194	0.611	1981
1986	5.7	15.0	8.1	25.3	18.0	12.8	84.9	34.1	0.403	0.250	0.653	1986
1991	6.6	17.7	8.5	31.7	22.4	17.4	104.3	41.6	0.388	0.278	0.666	1991
1996	7.3	21.4	10.2	37.0	29.3	21.3	126.5	51.4	0.376	0.279	0.655	1996
2001	5.6	21.7	11.7	35.4	34.4	24.4	133.1	57.0	0.336	0.299	0.635	2001
2006	5.4	19.8	12.4	35.4	40.4	27.0	140.3	64.6	0.285	0.306	0.591	2006
2011	6.5	19.3	13.2	40.2	47.2	30.7	157.0	75.7	0.256	0.305	0.561	2011
2016	7.2	20.4	13.1	45.4	51.2	36.3	173.6	86.4	0.252	0.331	0.583	2016
2021	7.6	22.6	12.2	49.7	54.0	42.9	189.0	95.0	0.261	0.371	0.631	2021
2026	7.6	24.2	13.1	50.8	57.4	49.8	202.9	103.0	0.263	0.411	0.673	2026
2031	7.6	25.0	14.4	50.9	61.8	55.9	215.6	111.3	0.257	0.440	0.696	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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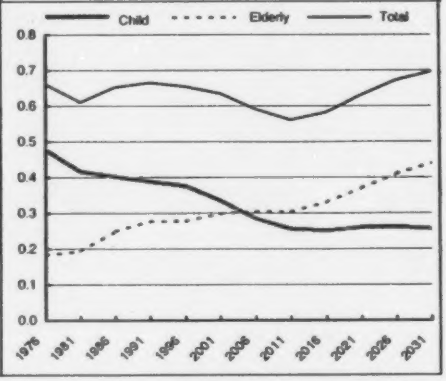

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Armstrong, Coldstream, Enderby, Lumby, Spallumcheen, Vernon

The economy of this region is fairly diversified. Forestry, agriculture and tourism all play important roles. The climate in this area is an attraction for tourists, as well as providing a suitable environment for agriculture. The stability of the agricultural sector has likely helped to dampen the fluctuations in migration and raise total fertility rates. An increasingly diversified economy should also help promote stability.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Okanagan: Firms with No Employees	North Okanagan: Firms with Employees: Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	British Columbia With Employees: Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,866	2,917	209	81	8	3,215	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	364	333	10	5	1	349	10.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	13	12	0	0	0	12	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	6	4	1	0	0	5	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	509	377	24	4	0	405	12.6%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	117	134	26	16	1	177	5.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	138	128	10	3	0	141	4.4%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	214	331	22	18	2	373	11.6%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	144	149	6	1	0	156	4.9%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	16	15	1	1	0	17	0.5%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	151	78	9	2	0	89	2.8%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	351	134	8	2	0	144	4.5%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	251	232	5	1	0	238	7.4%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	137	72	3	0	0	75	2.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	100	123	7	1	0	131	4.1%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	22	26	0	0	1	27	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	23	265	22	11	2	300	9.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	20	48	9	2	0	59	1.8%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	100	171	36	11	0	218	6.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	189	260	7	1	0	268	8.3%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	25	3	2	1	31	1.0%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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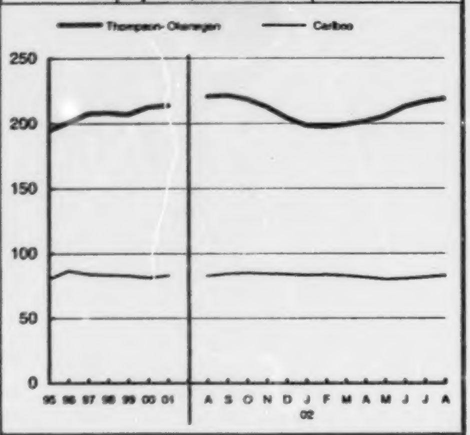
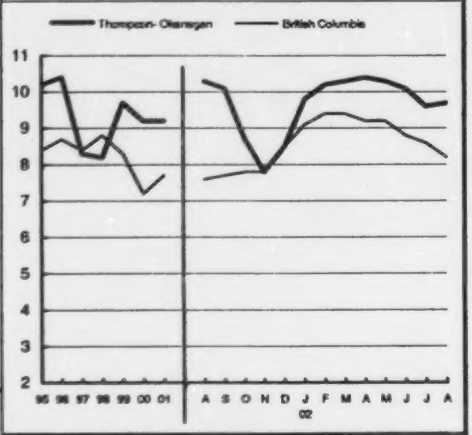
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	221.5	10.1	84.6	9.3	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	218.6	8.7	85.2	8.4	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	212.6	7.8	84.5	7.9	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	204.2	8.5	84.0	9.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	198.3	9.8	83.5	11.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	197.4	10.2	83.7	12.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	199.3	10.3	82.9	13.0	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	201.7	10.4	81.7	13.3	1,920.8	9.2
	May	205.5	10.3	80.0	14.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	212.8	10.1	80.8	13.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	217.0	9.6	81.8	13.7	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	219.1	9.7	83.0	12.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	208.8	10.1	82.0	13.5	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-0.4		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



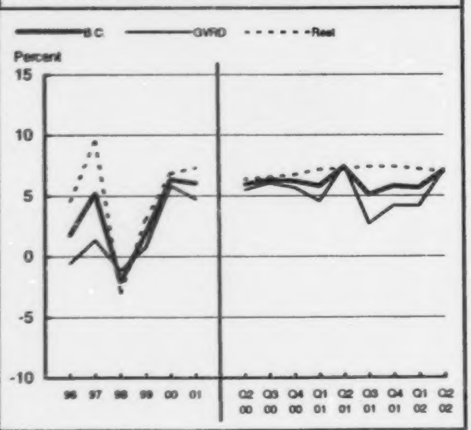
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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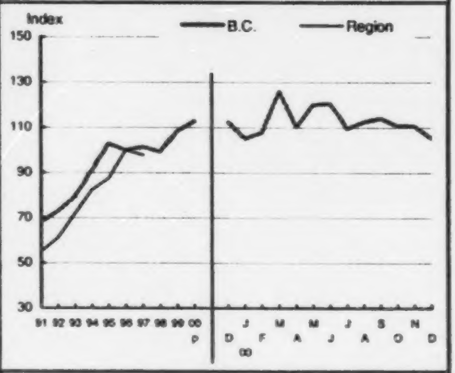
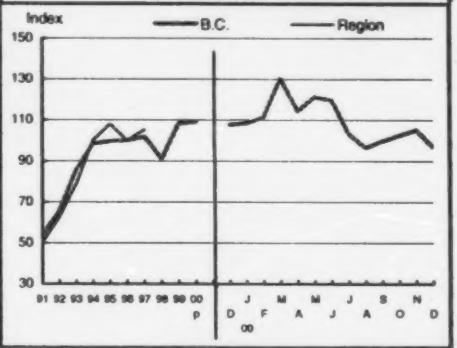
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	12	12	12	11	12
25	Wood	19	19	16	23	23
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	9	8	11	13
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	10	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	80	82	86	91	88
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.5	101.8	106.2	187.4	129.5
25	Wood	267.0	339.1	365.8	338.6	356.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	175.9	219.4	234.3	210.6	233.1
30	Metal Fabricating	12.6	18.2	19.8	27.4	27.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	521.0	595.5	633.8	724.1	708.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	439	449	386	381	374
25	Wood	1,217	1,613	1,318	1,394	1,511
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	753	1,073	814	900	950
30	Metal Fabricating	112	138	142	153	143
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,929	3,375	2,942	3,199	3,350
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	14.2	14.5	16.5	17.4	12.3
25	Wood	52.6	67.9	62.6	67.2	77.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	34.3	45.1	39.5	43.1	50.3
30	Metal Fabricating	3.7	4.9	5.6	5.3	5.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	111.0	129.0	125.6	136.9	143.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

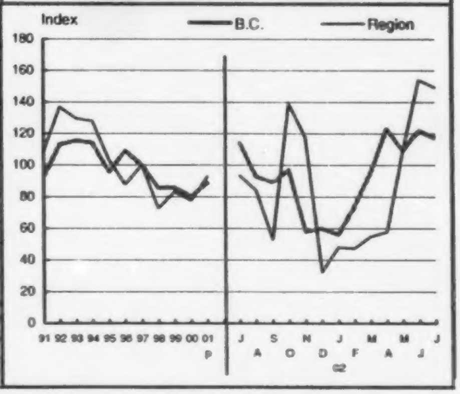


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	107.3	23.3	4.5	12.9	5.9	84.0	928
1995	86.5	32.2	8.0	12.5	11.6	54.3	583
1996	73.5	23.2	2.8	12.5	7.9	50.3	505
1997	83.7	21.5	3.8	11.5	6.2	62.2	568
1998	61.0	17.4	1.3	8.2	7.9	43.6	475
1999	69.5	26.6	1.9	12.4	12.3	42.8	387
2000	65.1	27.6	5.7	18.3	3.6	37.5	303
2001	77.7	36.3	4.7	26.3	5.3	41.4	319
YTD Jul '01	47.9	25.3	3.4	19.5	2.3	22.7	165
YTD Jul '02	43.3	18.8	8.2	6.4	4.1	24.5	172

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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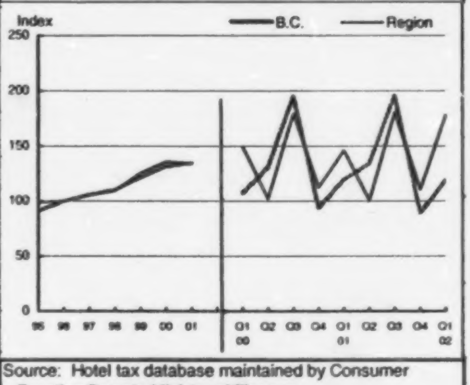
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Okanagan Regional District	1998	13,226.0	3,314.5	2,745.8	4,564.9	2,600.8
	1999	15,232.1	4,157.2	3,007.6	5,149.5	2,917.7
	2000	16,451.6	4,516.0	3,095.6	5,423.2	3,416.7
	2001	16,268.6	4,419.4	3,045.9	5,452.7	3,350.6
	2002	5,387.1	5,387.1			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

North Okanagan 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,268.6	100.0%
Hotels	10,792.3	66.3%
Motels	3,544.6	21.8%
Vacation Rentals	1,478.1	9.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

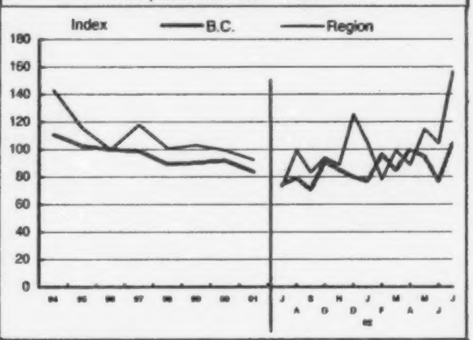


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	329
1995	266
1996	230
1997	271
1998	232
1999	237
2000	229
2001	213
Jan-Jul 01	119
Jan-Jul 02	143

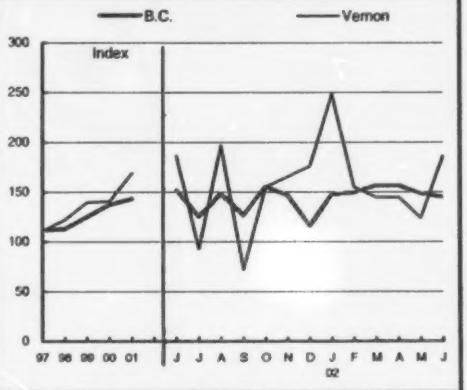
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



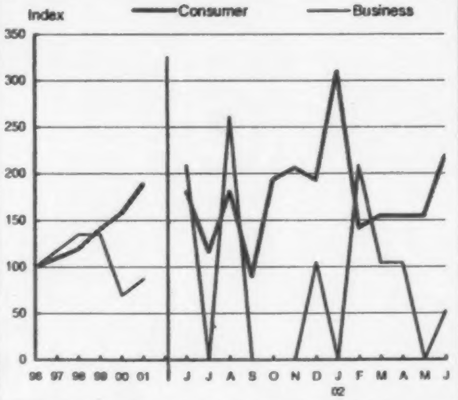
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vernon		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	102	27	646	120	7,366	895
1998	111	31	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	131	31	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	147	16	983	148	9,181	976
2001	176	20	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	100	13	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	88	9	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Sep '99	7.4	10.5	8.4	6.4	3.8
	Dec '99	7.3	10.2	9.0	6.2	3.6
	Mar '00	7.4	10.5	8.7	6.4	3.6
	Jun '00	7.3	10.4	8.5	6.3	3.7
	Sep '00	7.4	10.9	8.2	6.3	3.9
	Dec '00	7.0	10.1	8.0	6.0	3.7
	Mar '01	6.8	9.9	7.3	5.9	3.4
	Jun '01	6.8	10.0	7.0	5.9	3.5
	Sep '01	6.5	9.8	6.2	5.6	3.5
	Dec '01	6.3	9.4	5.7	5.5	3.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

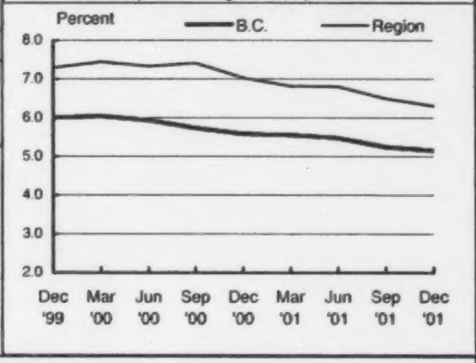
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	3.2	3.7	1.5	Sep '99
3.9	4.1	4.4	1.8	Dec '99
4.5	4.5	5.0	2.1	Mar '00
3.1	3.1	3.5	1.5	Jun '00
2.6	2.3	2.9	1.3	Sep '00
4.0	3.6	4.4	2.5	Dec '00
4.5	4.2	5.0	2.7	Mar '01
3.9	3.8	4.3	2.2	Jun '01
3.4	3.4	3.8	1.6	Sep '01

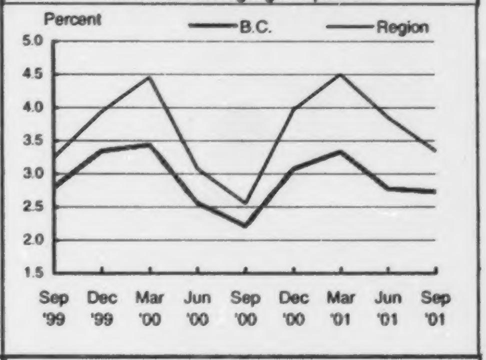
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,091	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.1	41.4
1-2 Years	18.2	17.5
>2 Years	36.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Sep '99	9.2	11.2	9.9	4.8
	Dec '99	9.8	12.5	10.4	5.2
	Mar '00	10.4	12.8	11.2	5.3
	Jun '00	9.0	11.2	9.6	4.8
	Sep '00	8.3	10.1	8.9	4.4
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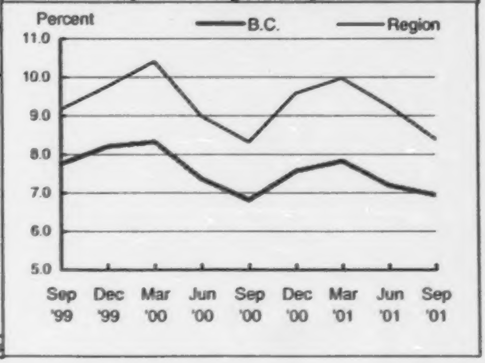
	Mar '01	10.0	11.2	10.8	5.7
	Jun '01	9.3	10.5	10.1	5.1
	Sep '01	8.4	9.4	9.2	4.5

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Net migration appears to be recovering from the negative values from the late nineties. The stability of the agricultural sector and the pleasant climate are contributory factors to population stability in this region.

The median age of the area's population is higher than the provincial median, as is the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64). As well, the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio making the overall dependency ratio approximately ten percentage points higher than it is for British Columbia as a whole.

14 Projection

As with most of the Okanagan, net migration should tend to be positive over the duration of the projection. The rates of in-migration may not reach those of the early nineties but should be high overall and despite the negative natural increase this area should have a high population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

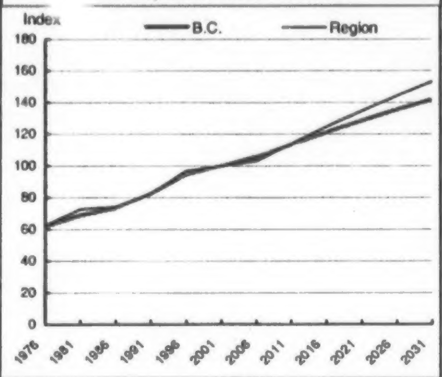
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	11.9	6.0	12.2	9.4	4.9	48.0	15.5	0.560	0.178	0.739	1976
1981	4.1	12.0	6.5	15.7	10.9	6.6	55.7	19.4	0.486	0.198	0.685	1981
1986	3.9	11.2	5.6	16.4	11.8	8.0	56.9	21.7	0.443	0.236	0.679	1986
1991	4.0	11.9	5.2	18.7	13.6	10.0	63.3	24.0	0.426	0.267	0.693	1991
1996	4.3	14.0	6.0	21.4	16.8	11.8	74.3	28.7	0.414	0.267	0.681	1996
2001	3.5	13.4	7.6	19.9	19.5	12.8	76.8	31.6	0.361	0.273	0.633	2001
2006	3.6	11.8	7.6	19.5	22.8	13.9	79.2	35.2	0.308	0.279	0.587	2006
2011	4.2	11.9	7.4	21.9	26.1	15.8	87.4	40.3	0.291	0.285	0.576	2011
2016	4.4	13.0	7.2	24.8	27.6	18.7	95.6	45.0	0.293	0.314	0.607	2016
2021	4.5	14.4	7.0	26.9	28.5	22.1	103.3	49.1	0.302	0.355	0.657	2021
2026	4.4	15.1	7.9	27.0	30.4	25.9	110.7	53.5	0.299	0.396	0.696	2026
2031	4.5	15.2	8.8	27.0	33.0	28.9	117.4	58.1	0.287	0.420	0.708	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

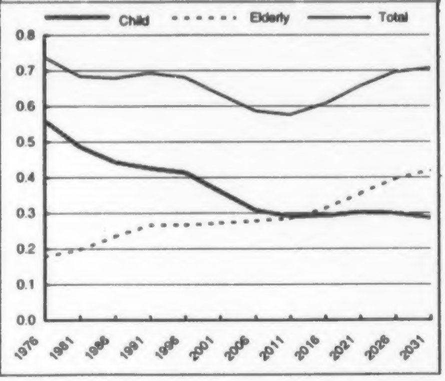
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fort Nelson

Forestry, tourism and oil and gas exploration are the major economic drivers for this region. There are two large processing facilities located in Fort Nelson that employ close to 600 people between them. The north-eastern region of the province is a producer of oil and gas and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a large number of people.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	253	287	34	14	1	336	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	27	20	2	0	0	22	6.5%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	20	1	1	0	22	6.5%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	3	0	0	0	3	0.9%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	41	29	3	5	0	37	11.0%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	9	6	2	1	0	9	2.7%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	12	16	2	0	0	18	5.4%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	16	36	5	2	0	43	12.8%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	28	40	4	0	0	44	13.1%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1	5	0	0	0	5	1.5%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	5	3	1	0	0	4	1.2%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	20	10	2	0	0	12	3.6%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	15	11	0	1	0	12	3.6%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	10	17	0	0	0	17	5.1%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.3%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	2	12	1	1	0	14	4.2%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	5	4	0	0	0	4	1.2%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	13	21	8	1	0	30	8.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	33	34	2	0	0	36	10.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	0	1	2	0	3	0.9%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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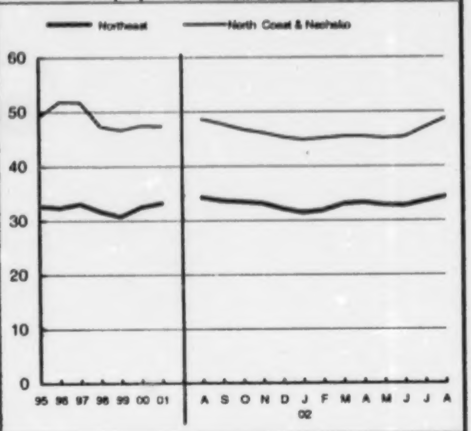
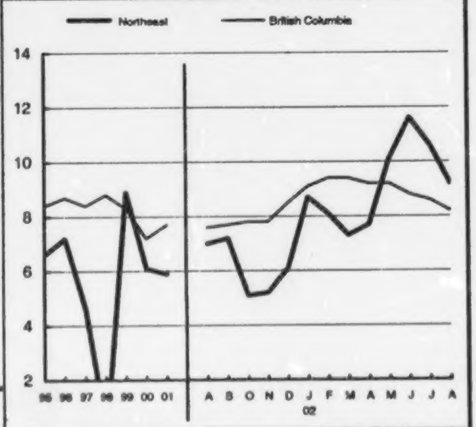
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	31.7	NA	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	33.2	5.9	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	32.4	4.7	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	32.3	NA	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	32.5	4.4	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	32.7	5.5	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	33.7	5.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	34.5	5.7	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	34.8	6.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	34.3	7.0	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	33.7	7.2	47.8	10.2	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	33.5	5.1	46.8	11.0	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	33.2	5.2	46.2	11.3	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	32.2	6.1	45.4	12.2	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	31.5	8.7	44.9	13.5	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	31.9	8.1	45.2	13.6	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	33.1	7.3	45.5	14.6	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	33.4	7.7	45.5	15.8	1,920.8	9.2
	May	32.9	10.1	45.2	16.1	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	32.8	11.6	45.4	15.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	33.6	10.6	47.1	12.9	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	34.4	9.2	48.8	10.9	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	33.6	5.7	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	33.4	9.2	46.6	13.6	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-0.6		-3.2		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



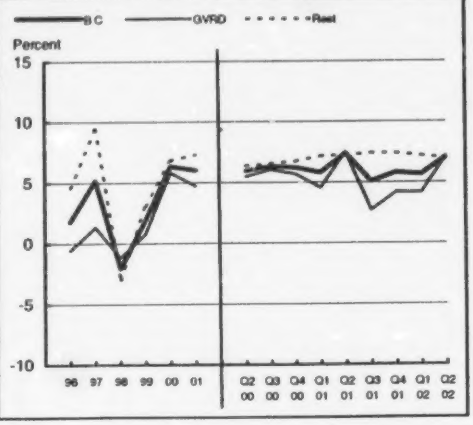
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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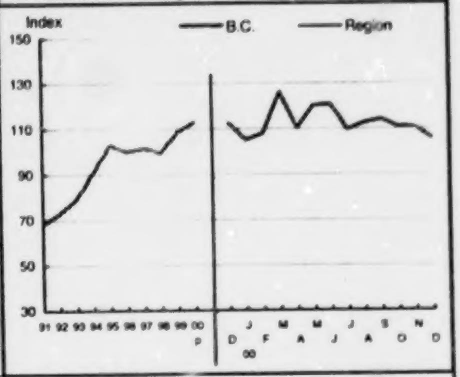
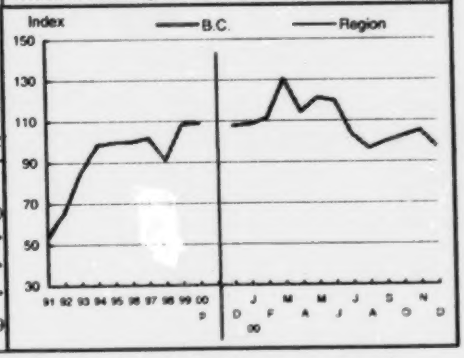
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	3	2	3	3	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	1	2	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	1	1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6	5	7	7	7
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	251.1
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	842
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	44.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

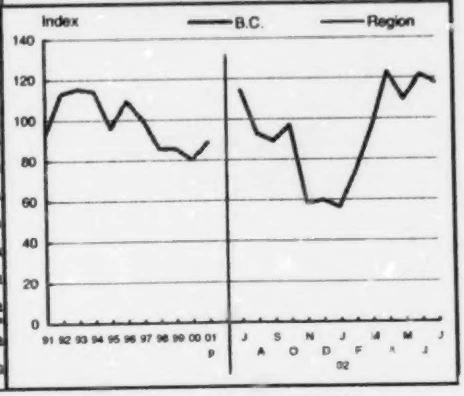


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
Year	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Jul '01	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Jul '02	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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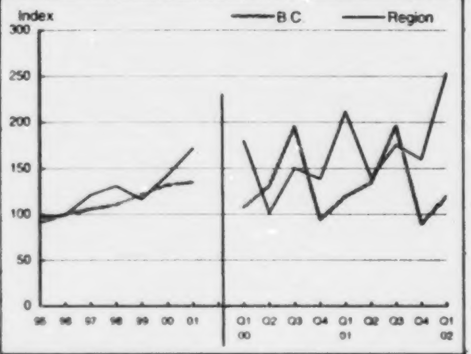
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Peace River R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northern Rockies Regional District	1998	27,183.4	9,050.3	5,579.5	7,449.8	5,103.8
	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,578.9	9,332.0	5,265.8	7,796.0	7,185.1
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	13,153.3	13,153.3			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Northern Rockies 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	35,652.9	100.0%
Hotels	16,918.8	47.5%
Motels	9,270.3	26.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

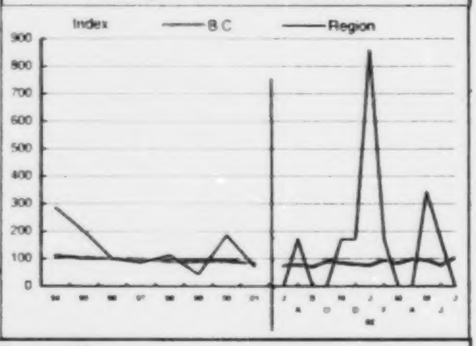


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	20
1995	14
1996	7
1997	6
1998	8
1999	3
2000	13
2001	5
Jan-Jul 01	2
Jan-Jul 02	9

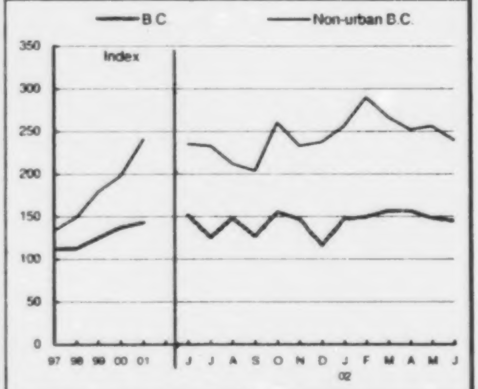
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



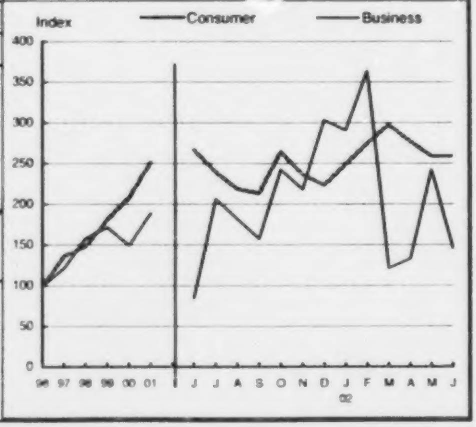
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		Fort St. John		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	646	120	58	4	7,366	895
1998	698	156	53	8	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	85	16	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	88	14	9,181	976
2001	1,187	187	80	11	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	41	5	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	636	107	28	5	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Sep '99	4.1	5.0	6.5	3.2	2.9
	Dec '99	3.9	4.8	5.2	3.1	2.7
	Mar '00	3.2	4.9	3.8	2.0	2.7
	Jun '00	3.2	4.0	3.7	2.6	2.3
	Sep '00	2.7	3.7	3.4	1.9	2.1
	Dec '00	3.4	4.6	5.6	2.5	2.4
	Mar '01	2.8	4.3	3.9	1.8	2.5
	Jun '01	3.4	4.9	4.1	2.5	2.2
	Sep '01	3.0	4.6	3.3	2.1	2.1
	Dec '01	3.0	4.5	3.4	2.2	2.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

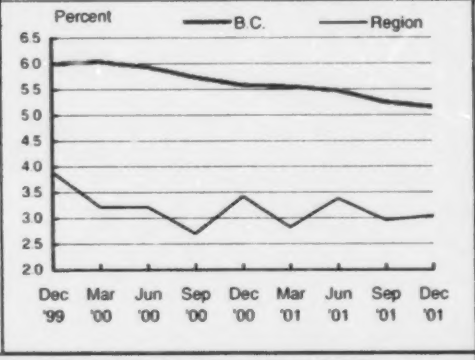
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.3	4.8	4.2	3.5	Sep '99
3.6	3.8	3.6	2.5	Dec '99
3.1	4.4	2.9	2.9	Mar '00
3.8	4.4	3.7	3.9	Jun '00
3.3	2.6	3.6	1.9	Sep '00
3.0	3.2	2.9	2.9	Dec '00
2.2	1.6	2.2	2.9	Mar '01
3.3	4.3	3.1	3.5	Jun '01
2.9	4.5	2.7	2.9	Sep '01

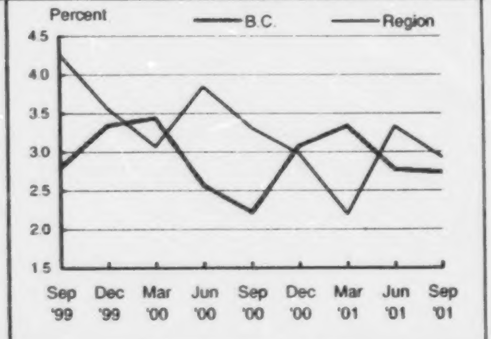
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	179	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	73.2	41.4
1-2 Years	12.8	17.5
>2 Years	14.0	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

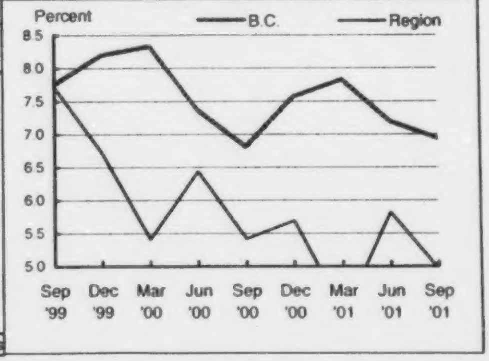
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Sep '99	7.7	11.0	7.3	6.5
	Dec '99	6.7	8.9	6.4	6.1
	Mar '00	5.4	8.0	4.8	7.1
	Jun '00	6.4	7.9	6.1	8.0
	Sep '00	5.4	6.1	5.4	4.7
	Dec '00	5.7	8.8	5.2	4.9
	Mar '01	4.3	5.5	3.9	5.7
	Jun '01	5.8	8.4	5.4	5.3
	Sep '01	5.0	7.6	4.6	3.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Northern Rockies
Regional District

13 Demographics

The economic dependence on the resource sectors and the male-dominant employment in these sectors is the main reason for the heavy weighting of males in the population in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The remoteness of the area is likely the reason why the median age of the population is far lower than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate, and is likely partially the reason for a higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. There is a very small proportion of elderly in the population compared to British Columbia as a whole.

14 Projection

Net migration will likely remain negative for the next couple of years, but should become positive as the resource sector is expected to recuperate. Natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will gradually drop over the projection period, being positive for the most part; therefore there should be an overall tendency towards population increase for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

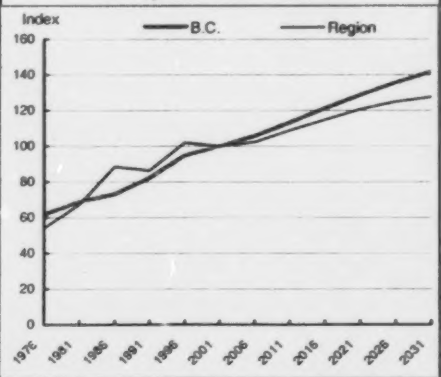
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.0	3.3	1.2	0.711	0.021	0.732	1976
1981	0.5	1.0	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.1	4.0	1.6	0.562	0.020	0.581	1981
1986	0.7	1.2	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.1	5.3	1.7	0.577	0.026	0.602	1986
1991	0.5	1.2	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.2	5.2	1.7	0.542	0.046	0.588	1991
1996	0.6	1.4	0.7	2.5	0.8	0.1	6.1	2.0	0.496	0.036	0.533	1996
2001	0.4	1.4	0.6	2.3	1.1	0.2	6.0	2.0	0.452	0.047	0.499	2001
2006	0.4	1.3	0.7	2.2	1.4	0.3	6.1	2.2	0.380	0.061	0.441	2006
2011	0.4	1.1	0.7	2.2	1.8	0.4	6.5	2.5	0.324	0.081	0.405	2011
2016	0.4	1.0	0.8	2.2	2.1	0.5	6.9	2.8	0.261	0.105	0.365	2016
2021	0.4	0.9	0.6	2.3	2.2	0.8	7.3	3.1	0.257	0.158	0.414	2021
2026	0.4	1.0	0.5	2.3	2.2	1.1	7.5	3.3	0.257	0.216	0.473	2026
2031	0.3	0.9	0.5	2.2	2.2	1.4	7.7	3.4	0.251	0.276	0.527	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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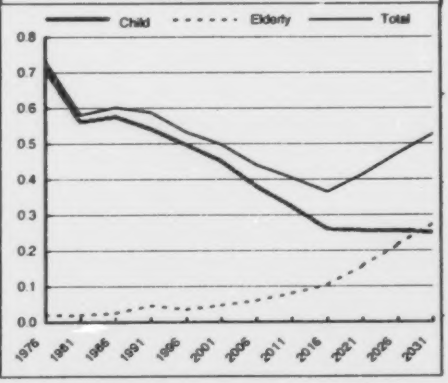


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Princeton, Summerland

Agriculture has traditionally been the main economic driver for this region. Although this sector has diminished somewhat in importance, it is still an important factor of the economy, and this area remains one of the more important centres of agriculture in the province. Other economic drivers include tourism and forestry.

The two major mines in the area—the Similco Mine at Princeton, and the Nickel Plate Mine at Hedley—have shut down in the last few years. The mine at Hedley closed due to ore depletion, but the Similco mine still has reserves remaining and could reopen once copper prices improve.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Okanagan-Similkameen							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,562	3,223	175	82	13	3,493	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	233	586	16	5	1	608	17.4%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	21	3	0	0	1	4	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	5	8	2	1	0	11	0.3%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	438	328	9	3	1	341	9.8%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	107	147	22	18	0	187	5.4%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	94	119	6	3	0	128	3.7%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	225	397	29	16	2	444	12.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	105	124	1	0	0	125	3.6%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	24	32	1	1	0	34	1.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	127	79	7	0	1	87	2.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	336	121	3	2	1	127	3.6%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	240	190	2	2	0	194	5.6%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	121	60	5	1	0	66	1.9%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	76	135	2	0	0	137	3.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	21	26	2	1	2	31	0.9%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	21	247	11	9	2	269	7.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	41	75	7	1	0	83	2.4%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	150	258	42	15	1	316	9.0%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	177	258	2	2	0	262	7.5%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	30	6	2	1	39	1.1%	0.5%	804

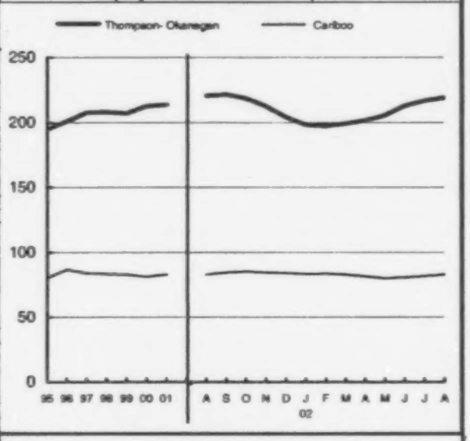
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

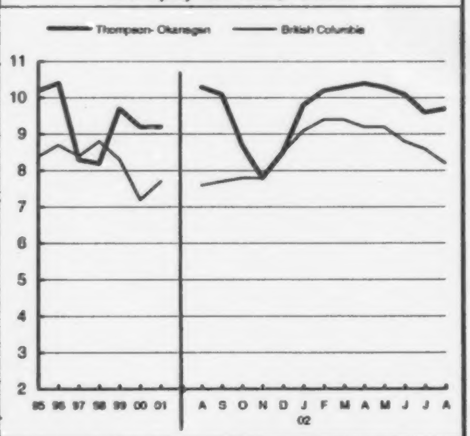
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	221.5	10.1	84.6	9.3	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	218.6	8.7	85.2	8.4	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	212.6	7.8	84.5	7.9	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	204.2	8.5	84.0	9.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	198.3	9.8	83.5	11.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	197.4	10.2	83.7	12.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	199.3	10.3	82.9	13.0	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	201.7	10.4	81.7	13.3	1,920.8	9.2
	May	205.5	10.3	80.0	14.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	212.8	10.1	80.8	13.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	217.0	9.6	81.8	13.7	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	219.1	9.7	83.0	12.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	208.8	10.1	82.0	13.5	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-0.4		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



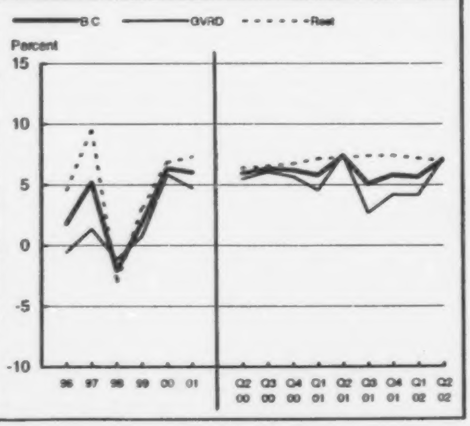
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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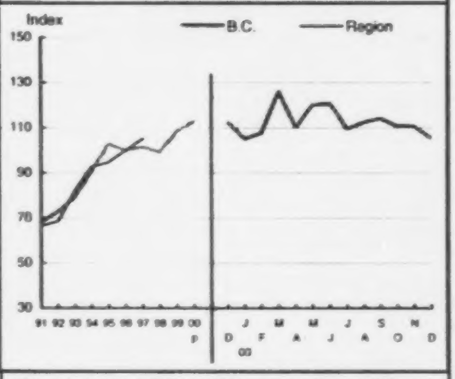
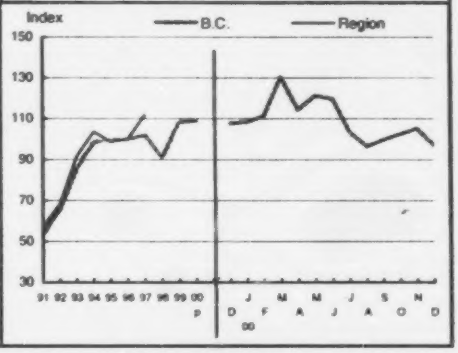
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	5	4	5	4	3
25	Wood	12	11	11	15	15
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	2	2	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	10	11	15	15
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	67	65	76	85	83
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	10.7	12.0	13.3	24.7	**
25	Wood	131.4	148.5	141.6	143.3	160.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	6.9	15.4	21.5	24.3	23.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	304.9	344.7	351.6	371.1	390.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	146	168	156	235	**
25	Wood	569	629	576	626	611
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	75	121	188	217	224
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,833	2,007	2,089	2,242	2,268
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	2.8	3.1	3.2	5.6	**
25	Wood	22.0	23.6	24.7	27.0	30.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.2	6.0	7.0	7.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	61.1	65.5	72.7	79.6	86.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

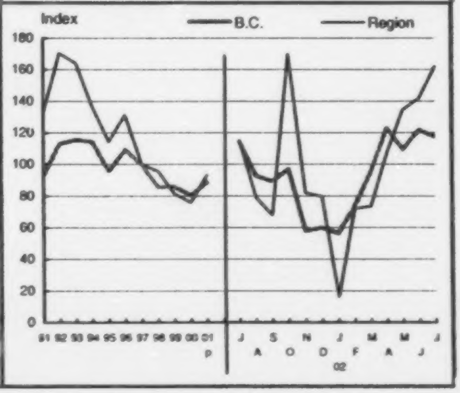


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	98.3	22.3	2.6	11.7	8.1	76.0	785
1995	82.2	34.8	7.5	21.9	5.4	47.5	409
1996	94.4	38.5	2.8	18.7	17.0	55.9	493
1997	71.9	24.8	8.1	12.3	4.4	47.1	415
1998	68.9	21.5	2.4	12.0	7.1	47.3	487
1999	58.5	19.6	3.2	13.1	3.2	39.0	334
2000	54.6	24.9	3.5	15.3	6.0	29.7	189
2001	67.1	35.1	2.5	17.3	15.3	32.0	229
YTD Jul '01	38.4	17.7	1.1	10.6	5.9	20.8	163
YTD Jul '02	42.4	10.0	2.4	6.0	1.7	32.4	230

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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Regional District

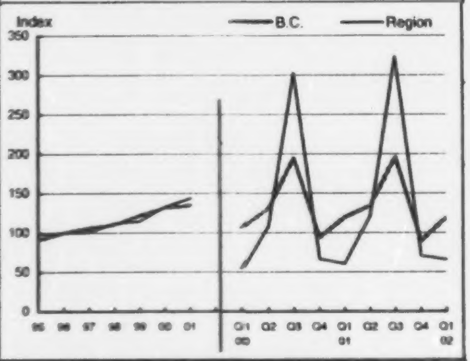
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	1998	25,679.4	2,760.1	5,308.2	14,712.2	2,898.9
Okanagan-Sim'een	1999	26,236.7	2,977.5	5,239.0	15,210.7	2,809.5
Regional District	2000	30,448.2	3,148.9	6,204.3	17,278.1	3,816.9
	2001	32,919.0	3,479.1	6,912.2	18,473.3	4,054.4
	2002	3,767.9	3,767.9			
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Okanagan-Sim'een 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	32,917.7	100.0%
Hotels	16,295.1	49.5%
Motels	12,556.3	38.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

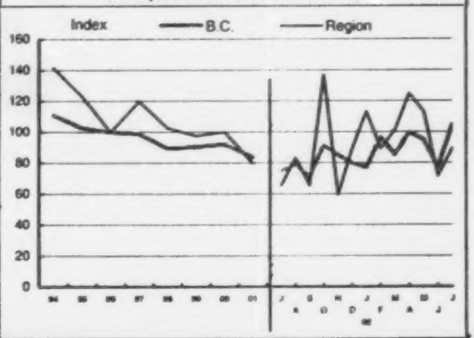


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	286
1995	248
1996	202
1997	242
1998	207
1999	197
2000	202
2001	161
Jan-Jul 01	88
Jan-Jul 02	118

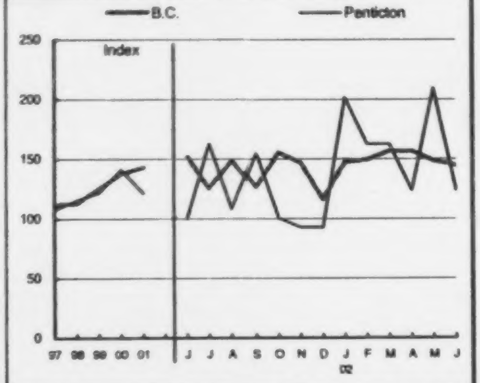
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



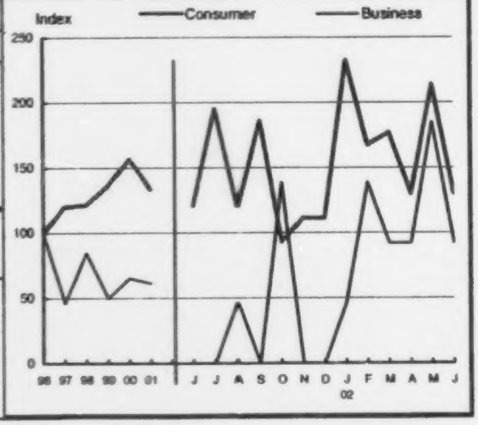
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Penticton		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	155	12	646	120	7,366	895
1998	157	22	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	176	13	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	202	17	983	148	9,181	976
2001	172	16	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	84	12	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	113	14	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Sep '99	7.7	11.4	9.0	6.7	3.5
	Dec '99	8.2	11.5	10.1	7.3	3.5
	Mar '00	8.5	12.3	10.4	7.5	3.6
	Jun '00	8.1	11.9	9.9	7.2	3.7
	Sep '00	7.5	11.4	8.5	6.6	3.6
	Dec '00	7.6	10.9	9.1	6.9	3.4
	Mar '01	7.8	11.4	9.6	6.9	3.5
	Jun '01	7.5	11.3	9.3	6.6	3.5
	Sep '01	6.7	10.6	7.7	5.7	3.3
	Dec '01	6.8	10.3	7.7	5.9	3.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

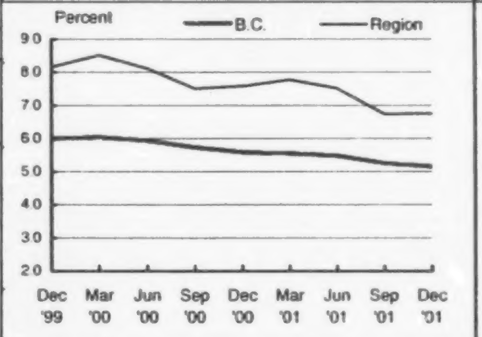
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.6	3.0	4.2	2.0	Sep '99
5.6	5.8	6.4	3.2	Dec '99
5.8	6.1	6.5	3.5	Mar '00
3.3	3.0	3.7	1.8	Jun '00
2.7	2.4	3.1	1.3	Sep '00
5.4	5.4	6.1	3.0	Dec '00
6.1	5.7	7.0	3.4	Mar '01
3.7	3.2	4.3	2.1	Jun '01
2.9	2.8	3.3	1.4	Sep '01

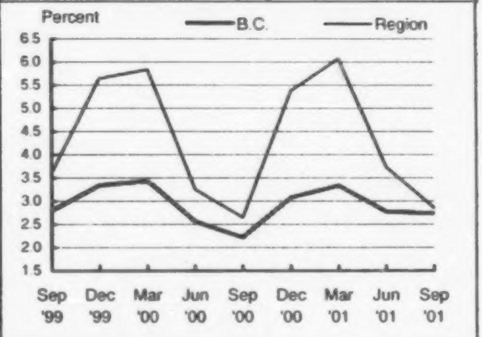
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,091	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.1	41.4
1-2 Years	16.7	17.5
>2 Years	35.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

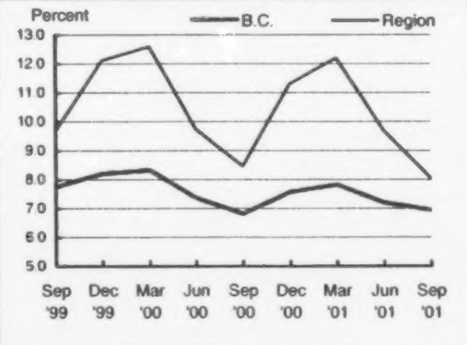
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Sep '99	9.7	11.6	10.7	5.4
	Dec '99	12.1	15.1	13.2	6.8
	Mar '00	12.6	15.9	13.7	7.1
	Jun '00	9.8	12.5	10.7	5.1
	Sep '00	8.5	10.5	9.4	4.2
	Dec '00	11.3	13.8	12.6	5.8
	Mar '01	12.2	14.8	13.6	6.3
	Jun '01	9.7	12.2	10.7	5.0
	Sep '01	8.0	10.3	8.9	3.9

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like the rest of the Okanagan, this region experienced tremendous growth in the last decade due to very high net migration inflows.

The pleasant climate of this area makes it a popular place to retire, and as a result, the median age of the population of this region is substantially higher than the provincial median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is over twice that of the province as a whole. The older age structure is responsible for the gender bias in favour of females, since women tend to live longer than men do.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is negative in this region, and will likely become even more negative over the projection period. However, it is expected that net migration to this area will continue to be high, which will compensate for deaths. The shutdowns in the mining sector will likely have only a small impact on the region as a whole. This area is high in mineral potential and there is a possibility of new mines opening once metal prices improve.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

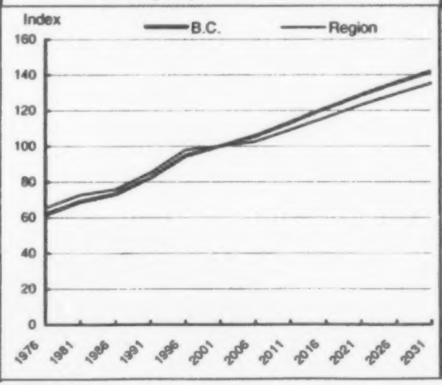
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.1	11.3	6.2	11.8	12.5	7.8	52.7	18.5	0.471	0.256	0.727	1976
1981	3.5	10.6	6.3	14.3	13.5	10.3	58.5	22.6	0.413	0.302	0.714	1981
1986	3.6	10.0	5.3	15.6	13.8	12.7	61.0	25.3	0.392	0.365	0.756	1986
1991	3.8	10.9	4.7	17.9	15.5	15.5	68.3	28.1	0.384	0.408	0.792	1991
1996	3.9	12.3	5.4	19.9	18.8	18.5	78.8	33.5	0.369	0.419	0.788	1996
2001	3.2	11.9	6.6	18.4	20.4	19.8	80.3	35.3	0.332	0.435	0.767	2001
2006	3.4	10.6	6.8	17.9	22.9	20.9	82.4	38.7	0.294	0.439	0.733	2006
2011	3.8	10.4	6.5	19.4	25.4	22.2	87.7	42.7	0.277	0.433	0.710	2011
2016	4.0	11.0	6.2	21.4	26.3	24.4	93.2	46.4	0.279	0.452	0.731	2016
2021	4.0	12.0	5.9	23.1	26.6	27.1	98.8	49.4	0.289	0.488	0.777	2021
2026	4.0	12.5	6.5	22.9	27.5	30.5	104.0	52.7	0.290	0.536	0.826	2026
2031	4.0	12.6	7.0	22.5	29.4	33.2	108.7	56.2	0.282	0.563	0.845	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

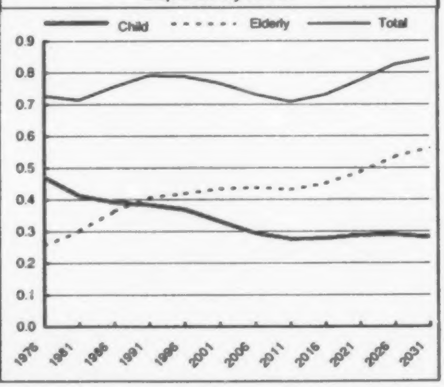
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Peace River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Pouce Coupe, Taylor, Tumbler Ridge

The economy of this region is fairly diversified, with coal mining, oil and gas exploration, forestry and agriculture all being important economic activities. The north-eastern region of the province is a producer of oil and gas, and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a large number of people. The Ladyfern gas field, just north of Ft. St. John, is among the largest in the world. Rising energy prices coupled with new gas discoveries created a lot of activity in the Fort St. John area recently. One of the two major coal mines in the area, Quintette, was shut down in August, 2000. The Bullmoose mine will continue to supply coal to Japanese markets until 2003, but should be replaced by two new coal mines starting in the Chetwynd area. The building of an OSB mill has been put on hold.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,870	2,547	231	92	11	2,881	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	743	293	10	0	0	303	10.5%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	163	199	18	7	1	225	7.8%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	5	0	0	0	5	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	393	319	34	20	1	374	13.0%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	64	67	3	7	2	79	2.7%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	67	102	15	3	1	121	4.2%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	132	238	23	12	0	273	9.5%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	326	255	11	9	1	276	9.6%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	8	27	2	1	0	30	1.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	58	28	11	0	0	39	1.4%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	197	74	9	4	0	87	3.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	189	193	9	1	0	203	7.0%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	63	28	1	0	0	29	1.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	99	119	5	0	0	124	4.3%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	11	19	1	0	3	23	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	19	134	17	8	2	161	5.6%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	23	42	3	0	0	45	1.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	75	118	44	16	0	178	6.2%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	240	282	10	1	0	293	10.2%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	5	5	3	0	13	0.5%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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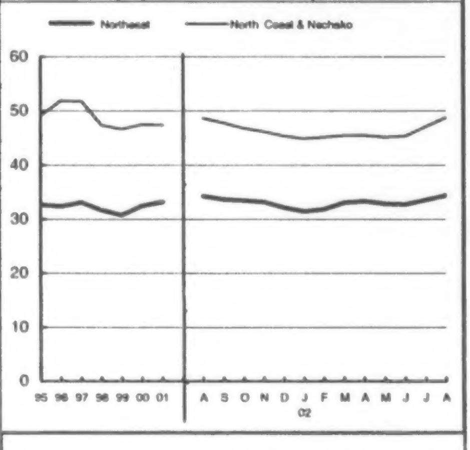
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996		32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998		31.7	NA	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2001		33.2	5.9	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	32.4	4.7	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	32.3	NA	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	32.5	4.4	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	32.7	5.5	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	33.7	5.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	34.5	5.7	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	34.8	6.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	34.3	7.0	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	33.7	7.2	47.8	10.2	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	33.5	5.1	46.8	11.0	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	33.2	5.2	46.2	11.3	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	32.2	6.1	45.4	12.2	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	31.5	8.7	44.9	13.5	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	31.9	8.1	45.2	13.6	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	33.1	7.3	45.5	14.6	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	33.4	7.7	45.5	15.8	1,920.8	9.2
	May	32.9	10.1	45.2	16.1	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	32.8	11.6	45.4	15.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	33.6	10.6	47.1	12.9	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	34.4	9.2	48.8	10.9	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	33.6	5.7	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	33.4	9.2	46.6	13.6	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-0.6		-3.2		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



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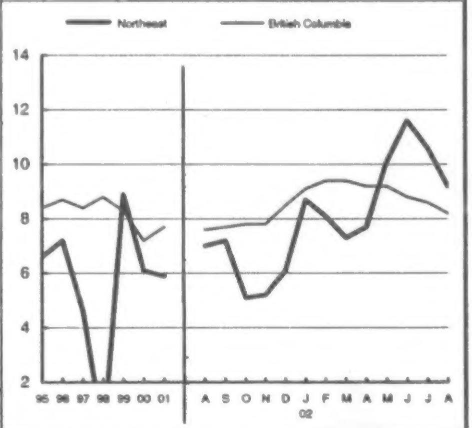


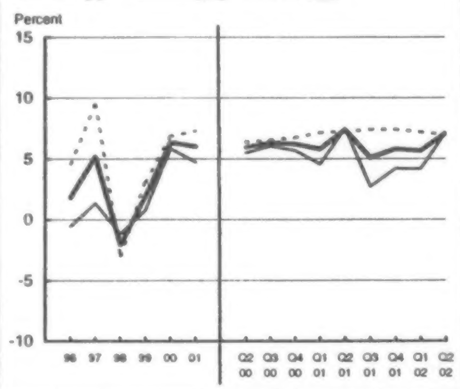
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

	Year or Year/Quarter	$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
Quarterly data	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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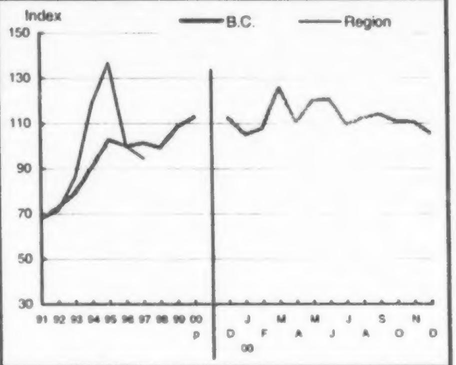
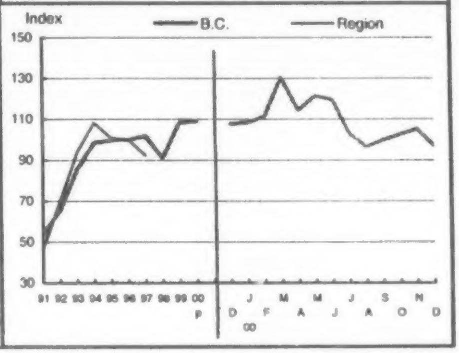
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	8	8	7	7	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	8	8	8	8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	33	33	33	34	33
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	258.4	297.6	277.3	275.1	253.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	5.4	9.8	10.6	10.1	9.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	341.0	468.1	539.7	394.8	373.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	707	670	623	646	786
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	61	88	90	86	86
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,188	1,228	1,262	1,181	1,371
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	35.0	33.6	31.7	32.0	40.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	2.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	53.1	57.2	61.7	57.7	68.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

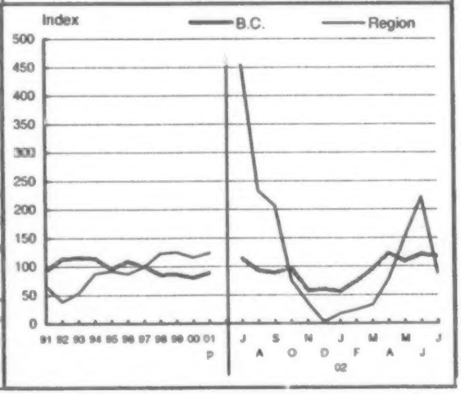


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	41.8	20.6	2.1	8.0	10.5	21.2	169
1995	44.1	20.4	2.5	11.7	6.1	23.7	182
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	17.0	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.7	20.4	0.3	19.3	0.8	27.3	233
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	22.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.8	31.0	5.0	22.6	3.4	28.8	329
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	20.7	3.5	27.8	241
2001	58.9	34.1	1.7	16.1	16.4	24.8	187
YTD Jul '01	36.9	27.3	0.8	11.3	15.1	9.7	51
YTD Jul '02	24.4	11.8	1.5	9.1	1.3	12.5	81

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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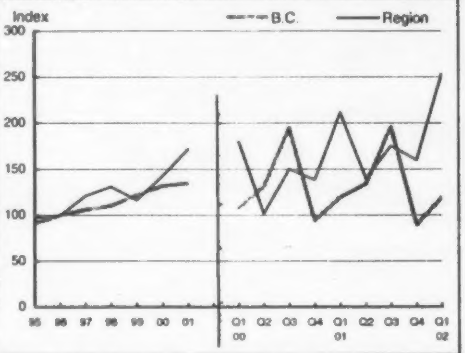
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Northern Rockies R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northern Rockies Regional District	1998	27,183.4	9,050.3	5,579.5	7,449.8	5,103.8
	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,578.9	9,332.0	5,265.8	7,796.0	7,185.1
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	13,153.3	13,153.3			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Northern Rockies 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	35,652.9	100.0%
Hotels	16,918.8	47.5%
Motels	9,270.3	26.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

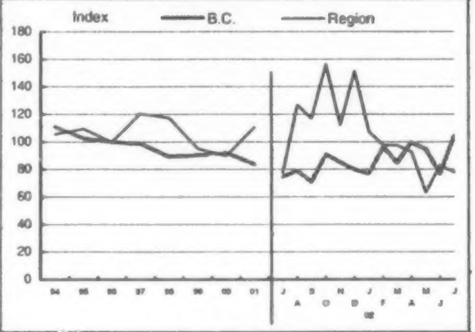


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	260
1995	269
1996	246
1997	296
1998	289
1999	234
2000	221
2001	272
Jan-Jul 01	136
Jan-Jul 02	127

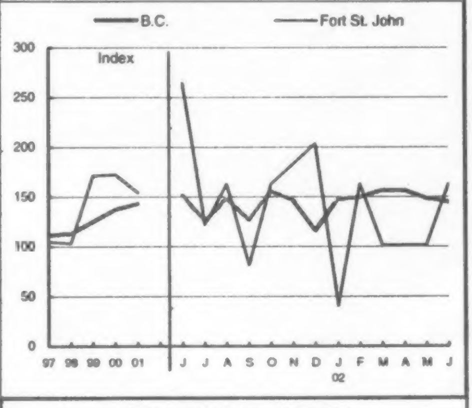
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



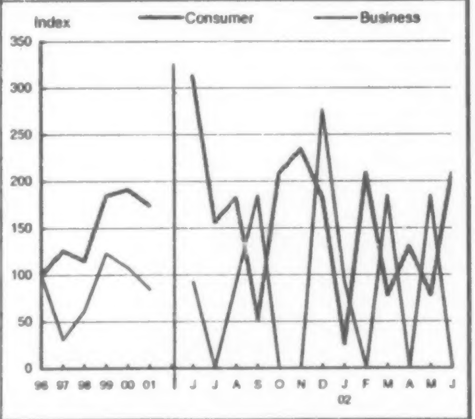
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John		Dawson Creek		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	58	4	16	4	7,366	895
1998	53	8	16	4	7,327	1,031
1999	85	16	21	3	8,179	1,075
2000	88	14	30	3	9,181	976
2001	80	11	31	7	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	41	5	16	2	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	28	5	18	3	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot Female 19-64
Peace River Regional District	Sep '99	5.6	7.3	7.4	4.4	3.2
	Dec '99	5.5	6.8	7.2	4.5	3.0
	Mar '00	5.1	6.7	6.9	3.9	2.9
	Jun '00	5.8	7.4	8.1	4.6	3.3
	Sep '00	5.5	7.3	7.2	4.2	3.3
	Dec '00	5.2	6.5	7.2	4.2	2.9
	Mar '01	4.6	5.7	6.2	3.7	2.6
	Jun '01	4.9	6.1	6.8	4.1	2.7
	Sep '01	4.6	5.9	5.9	3.7	2.8
	Dec '01	4.5	5.5	6.4	3.7	2.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

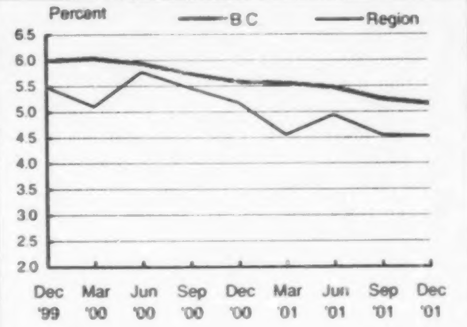
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.7	5.8	4.9	2.8	Sep '99
3.7	4.9	3.8	2.1	Dec '99
3.3	4.3	3.3	2.1	Mar '00
4.2	5.1	4.3	2.6	Jun '00
3.4	3.9	3.5	2.2	Sep '00
3.3	3.7	3.3	2.4	Dec '00
3.5	3.7	3.5	2.9	Mar '01
4.4	4.4	4.5	3.5	Jun '01
3.5	3.4	3.6	2.8	Sep '01

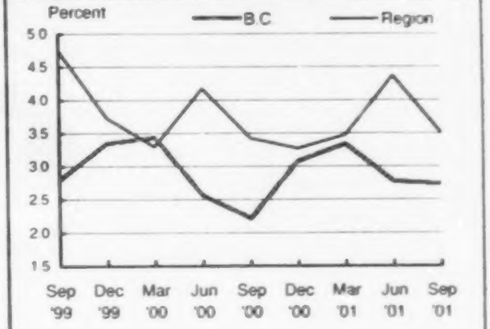
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,509	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	61.7	41.4
1-2 Years	15.6	17.5
>2 Years	22.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

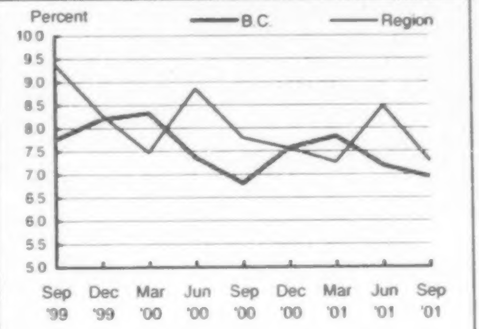
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Peace River Regional District	Sep '99	9.4	13.0	9.1	6.6
	Dec '99	8.3	11.7	8.0	5.8
	Mar '00	7.5	11.0	7.1	5.6
	Jun '00	8.9	12.7	8.5	6.2
	Sep '00	7.8	10.9	7.6	5.5
	Dec '00	7.6	10.6	7.3	5.7
	Mar '01	7.3	9.6	7.0	6.0
	Jun '01	8.5	10.8	8.3	6.5
	Sep '01	7.3	9.1	7.2	5.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Peace River
Regional District

13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the mining and forestry sectors, which tend to have male-dominated employment, the gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males. The total fertility rate is higher in this area, and could partially explain the higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. As a result, the median age of the population is lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The increased activity in the oil and gas industry should result in modest growth for this region, although it will be overshadowed in the short-term by the layoffs in the forests and mines, which could result in out-migration for the next couple of years. The long-term growth combined with a positive natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will result in trend of positive population growth for the area until the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

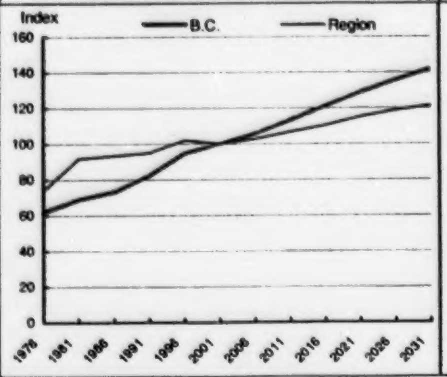
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.1	12.9	5.6	11.8	6.3	2.0	42.7	11.7	0.719	0.085	0.805	1976
1981	5.2	13.0	8.9	16.3	7.3	2.4	53.0	16.2	0.560	0.073	0.632	1981
1986	5.3	12.3	6.9	18.4	8.3	2.8	53.9	18.4	0.524	0.082	0.606	1986
1991	5.0	12.2	5.8	19.3	9.1	3.3	54.8	19.2	0.503	0.098	0.601	1991
1996	5.0	13.0	6.0	20.5	10.6	3.8	58.9	20.6	0.485	0.103	0.588	1996
2001	4.1	12.6	6.1	19.0	11.5	4.3	57.7	20.1	0.457	0.118	0.574	2001
2006	3.7	12.0	6.0	18.3	14.3	5.0	59.3	21.9	0.406	0.129	0.535	2006
2011	3.6	10.9	6.4	17.7	17.0	6.1	61.6	24.1	0.353	0.148	0.501	2011
2016	3.7	9.9	6.4	17.5	18.6	7.6	63.7	26.4	0.318	0.179	0.497	2016
2021	3.8	9.9	5.6	18.8	18.8	9.6	66.4	28.3	0.318	0.222	0.541	2021
2026	3.7	10.2	5.2	19.1	18.3	12.0	68.5	29.5	0.327	0.283	0.609	2026
2031	3.6	10.3	5.3	18.8	17.8	14.3	70.1	30.6	0.330	0.341	0.671	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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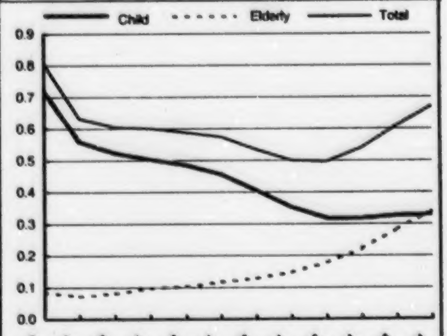


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Powell River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Powell River

Forestry-related manufacturing is the main economic driver for this area. Pacifica Paper is the primary employer in Powell River, and this area is highly dependent on the fortunes of the mill. The area is trying to diversify its economic base by developing a retirement community at Powell River. The dependence on a single major employer has resulted in outflows in the past when the mill underwent downsizing, and anything that would help diversify the economy would certainly be beneficial in terms of population stability.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Powell River							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	566	654	38	24	4	720	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	73	75	6	2	0	83	11.5%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	2	3	0	2	0	5	0.7%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	107	80	4	2	0	86	11.9%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	24	29	4	0	1	34	4.7%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	18	20	2	1	0	23	3.2%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	53	87	4	3	0	94	13.1%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	34	36	2	1	0	39	5.4%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	3	8	0	1	0	9	1.3%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	20	10	3	0	0	13	1.8%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	55	22	2	1	0	25	3.5%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	53	48	1	0	0	49	6.8%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	20	10	0	0	0	10	1.4%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	30	28	1	0	0	29	4.0%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	5	6	0	0	1	7	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	3	60	1	5	1	67	9.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11	17	1	1	0	19	2.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	20	52	4	4	0	60	8.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	34	55	3	1	0	59	8.2%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	8	0	0	1	9	1.3%	0.5%	804

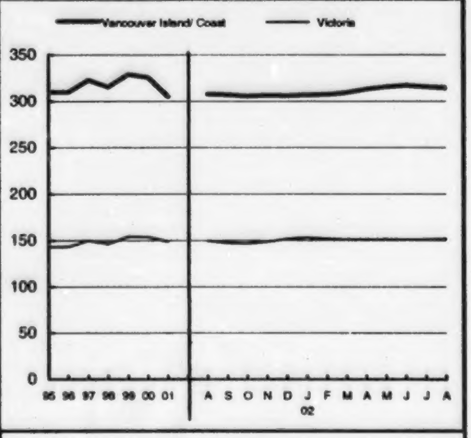
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Powell River
Regional District

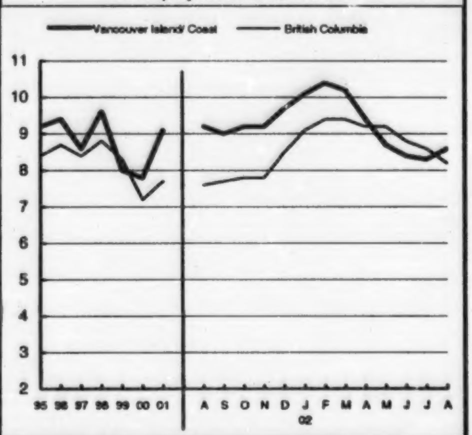
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	307.2	9.0	147.5	6.5	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	305.8	9.2	146.8	6.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	306.6	9.2	148.6	5.7	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	306.3	9.7	151.9	5.9	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	306.9	10.1	153.2	6.4	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	307.5	10.4	151.7	7.4	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	309.3	10.2	151.2	7.9	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	313.0	9.4	151.1	7.6	1,920.8	9.2
	May	315.5	8.7	151.6	6.9	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	317.1	8.4	150.8	6.9	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	315.7	8.3	151.2	7.0	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	314.5	8.6	151.8	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	313.1	9.2	151.5	7.3	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	2.8		2.1		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



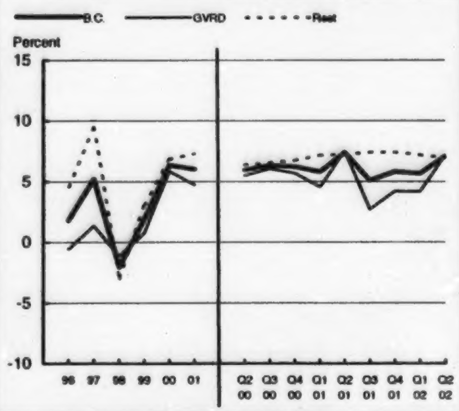
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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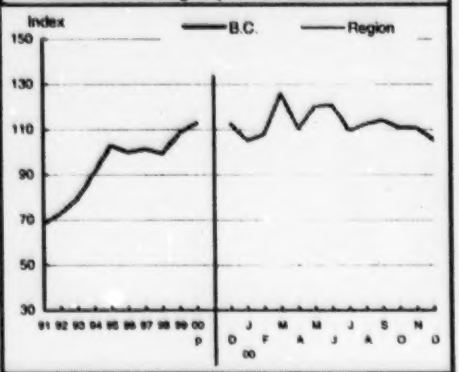
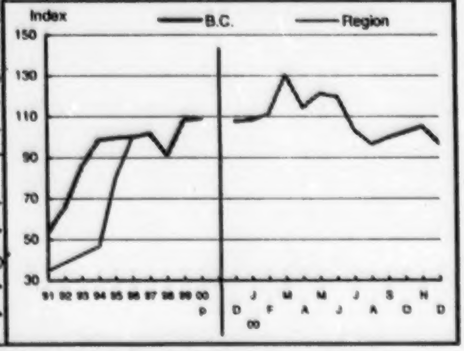
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	1	1
25	Wood	4	4	6	6	3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	2	1	0
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	3	3	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	11	15	18	14
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	5.5	9.4	11.7	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	3.0	4.1	3.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	**	**
25	Wood	**	52	66	55	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	21	30	23	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	1.6	2.0	2.1	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	0.9	1.4	1.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

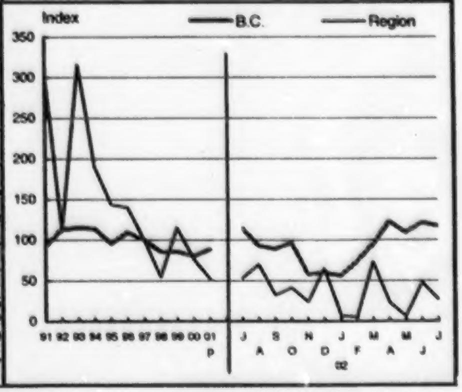


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	18.8	2.8	0.0	2.4	0.4	16.0	167
1995	14.2	3.0	0.0	2.9	0.1	11.2	147
1996	13.8	2.5	0.0	1.6	0.8	11.4	126
1997	9.9	2.1	0.4	1.6	0.1	7.8	65
1998	5.4	2.4	0.4	1.8	0.2	3.0	19
1999	11.3	5.6	0.2	5.3	0.2	5.7	42
2000	7.6	3.7	0.0	3.4	0.4	3.9	17
2001	5.2	1.6	0.0	1.1	0.4	3.6	25
YTD Jul '01	3.3	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.4	19
YTD Jul '02	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.1	7

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Powell River
Regional District

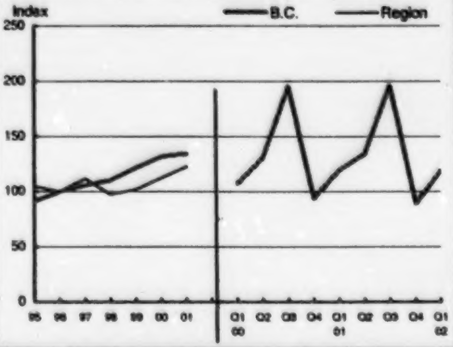
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Powell River Regional District	1998	3,038.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	1999	3,186.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2000	3,509.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2001	3,827.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2002	3,827.0	n/a			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Powell River 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,827.0	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

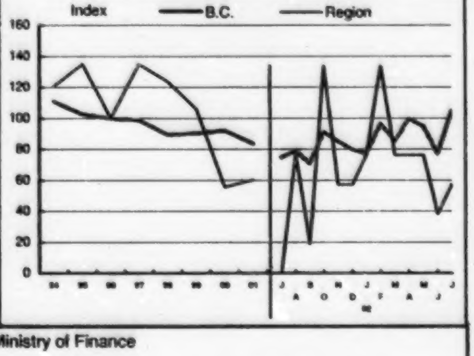


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	76
1995	85
1996	63
1997	85
1998	78
1999	67
2000	35
2001	38
Jan-Jul 01	20
Jan-Jul 02	28

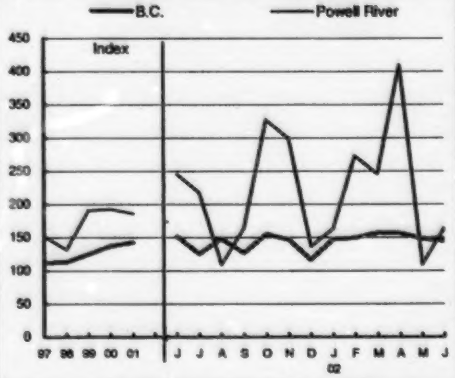
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



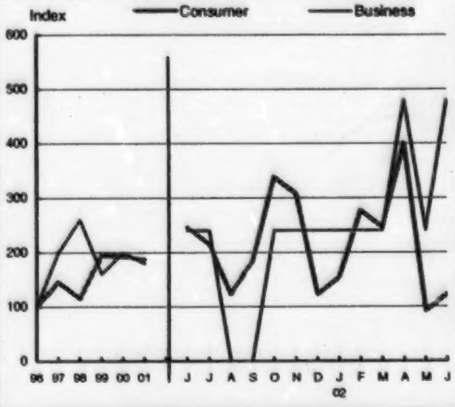
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Powell River		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	57	10	646	120	7,366	895
1998	45	13	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	76	8	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	75	10	983	148	9,181	976
2001	73	9	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	31	5	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	42	8	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Powell River Regional District	Sep '99	7.7	10.0	10.5	7.0	3.5
	Dec '99	7.9	10.2	10.2	7.3	3.4
	Mar '00	8.5	11.1	11.7	7.7	3.4
	Jun '00	7.9	10.3	11.3	7.1	3.2
	Sep '00	7.7	10.1	10.8	7.0	3.3
	Dec '00	7.7	9.9	10.9	7.0	3.1
	Mar '01	7.7	10.1	10.6	7.1	3.1
	Jun '01	7.6	10.0	10.4	6.9	3.3
	Sep '01	7.3	9.8	9.6	6.7	3.3
	Dec '01	7.1	9.1	9.9	6.6	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

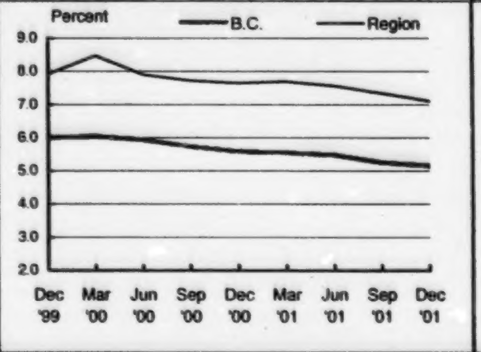
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.8	2.7	3.3	1.2	Sep '99
3.9	3.8	4.6	1.5	Dec '99
3.9	3.4	4.7	1.5	Mar '00
2.8	2.0	3.3	1.6	Jun '00
2.2	2.2	2.5	1.0	Sep '00
3.9	4.1	4.5	1.8	Dec '00
4.2	4.2	5.0	1.6	Mar '01
2.2	1.8	2.6	1.0	Jun '01
2.9	2.5	3.5	1.3	Sep '01

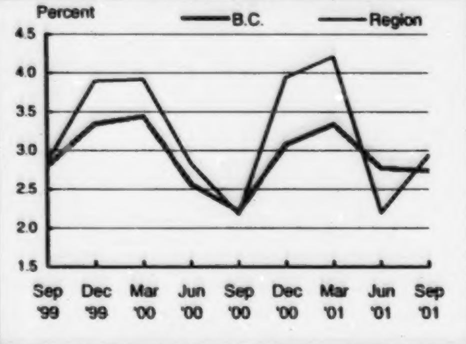
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,238	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.1	41.4
1-2 Years	18.5	17.5
>2 Years	34.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

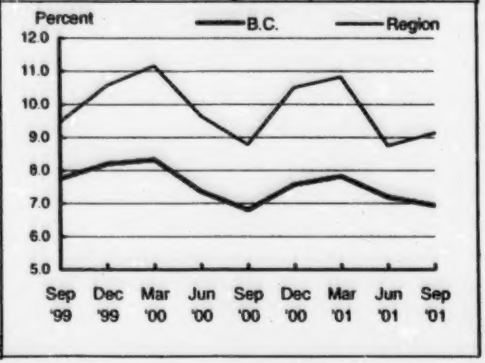
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Powell River Regional District	Sep '99	9.5	12.8	10.1	4.7
	Dec '99	10.6	13.6	11.5	5.1
	Mar '00	11.2	14.9	12.2	5.2
	Jun '00	9.7	13.0	10.3	5.4
	Sep '00	8.8	12.5	9.3	4.5
	Dec '00	10.5	14.4	11.3	5.2
	Mar '01	10.8	14.6	11.9	4.8
	Jun '01	8.8	12.0	9.4	4.6
	Sep '01	9.1	11.8	10.0	4.6

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Powell River
Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio of this area is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on the forest sector, which tends to be male-dominated. The median age of the population is higher than the provincial median, probably due the number of retirees attracted to the area.

14 Projection

Although this area is attempting to diversify its economy, developments in the forest sector will continue to have important impacts. It is likely that economic cycles in the forest sector will continue to affect the employment base of the area. In the short-term, developments at the mill will likely result in population declines as layoffs occur. As well, the number of deaths will grow, while births will likely decline. Despite fluctuations, the overall average population for this area should decline steadily over time.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

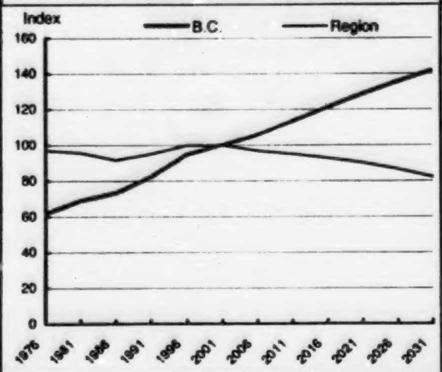
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	5.3	2.3	5.5	3.9	1.6	20.1	6.5	0.593	0.137	0.729	1976
1981	1.3	4.4	2.5	5.7	3.9	2.0	19.8	7.0	0.470	0.168	0.638	1981
1986	1.3	3.7	1.9	5.6	4.1	2.3	19.0	7.3	0.429	0.197	0.626	1986
1991	1.3	3.6	1.6	6.0	4.5	2.7	19.7	7.7	0.402	0.220	0.622	1991
1996	1.2	3.7	1.5	6.0	5.1	3.1	20.7	8.5	0.391	0.242	0.633	1996
2001	0.9	3.6	1.8	5.3	5.8	3.4	20.7	8.7	0.351	0.261	0.612	2001
2006	0.8	2.9	1.8	4.6	6.3	3.7	20.1	9.2	0.293	0.292	0.585	2006
2011	0.8	2.4	1.7	4.2	6.4	4.1	19.7	9.7	0.258	0.332	0.590	2011
2016	0.8	2.1	1.5	4.3	5.9	4.6	19.2	10.1	0.245	0.397	0.642	2016
2021	0.7	2.1	1.1	4.5	5.1	5.2	18.7	10.0	0.264	0.492	0.756	2021
2026	0.7	2.0	1.0	4.1	4.5	5.7	17.9	9.7	0.278	0.589	0.866	2026
2031	0.6	1.9	1.0	3.5	4.2	5.9	17.0	9.4	0.279	0.670	0.949	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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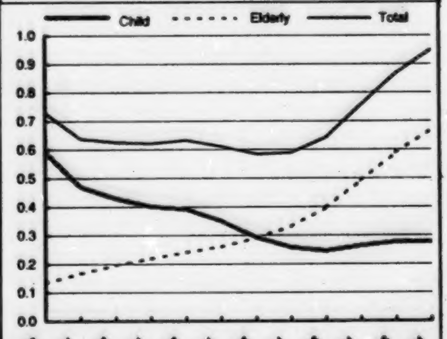


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures a[illegible] adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Masset, Port Clements, Port Edward, Prince Rupert

Fishing and forestry are the primary economic activities in this region. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver region.

Developments affecting this region include cutbacks in the forest sector and possible further restrictions imposed on the fishing industry to avoid depletion of salmon stocks. The Prince Rupert area has seen some movement from the area in recent years and this out-migration is likely to continue if there is no improvement in the resource sectors. Skeena Cellulose has been sold but the new owners are still in negotiations with the workers. Off-shore oil drilling may start in several years and would have a significant impact on population.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Skeena-Queen Charlotte							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	757	768	52	25	10	855	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	221	94	1	4	0	99	11.6%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	3	0	0	0	3	0.4%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	94	61	3	0	0	64	7.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	20	39	5	2	2	48	5.6%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	17	30	1	0	0	31	3.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	51	115	6	5	0	126	14.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	86	56	5	0	3	64	7.5%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	6	6	1	0	1	8	0.9%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	24	11	1	1	0	13	1.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	58	14	0	1	0	15	1.8%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	35	58	2	0	0	60	7.0%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	16	10	0	0	0	10	1.2%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	39	38	2	2	0	42	4.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	2	8	0	0	2	10	1.2%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	4	49	8	3	1	61	7.1%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13	22	0	0	0	22	2.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	25	73	11	3	0	87	10.2%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	46	76	2	1	0	79	9.2%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	5	4	3	1	13	1.5%	0.5%	804

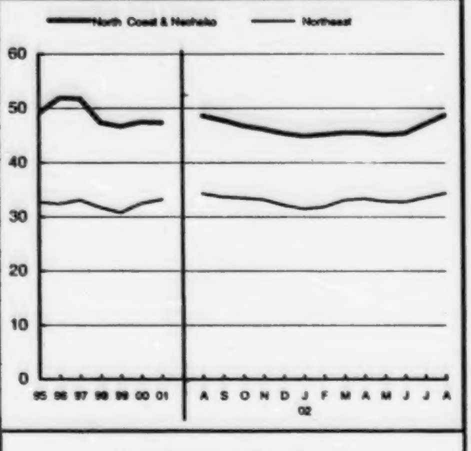
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

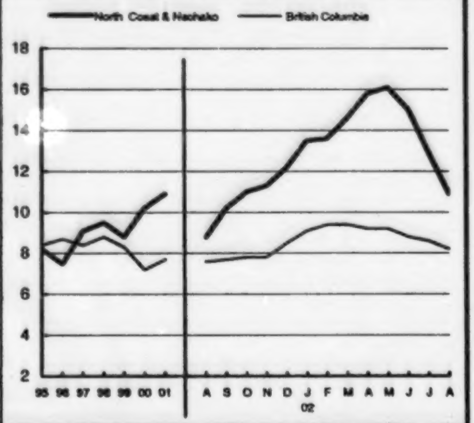
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	31.7	NA	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2001		47.4	10.9	33.2	5.9	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	32.4	4.7	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	32.3	NA	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	32.5	4.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	32.7	5.5	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	33.7	5.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	34.5	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	34.8	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	34.3	7.0	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	47.8	10.2	33.7	7.2	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	46.8	11.0	33.5	5.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	46.2	11.3	33.2	5.2	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	45.4	12.2	32.2	6.1	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	44.9	13.5	31.5	8.7	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	45.2	13.6	31.9	8.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	45.5	14.6	33.1	7.3	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	45.5	15.8	33.4	7.7	1,920.8	9.2
	May	45.2	16.1	32.9	10.1	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	45.4	15.0	32.8	11.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	47.1	12.9	33.6	10.6	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	48.8	10.9	34.4	9.2	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	33.6	5.7	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	46.6	13.6	33.4	9.2	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.2		-0.6		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



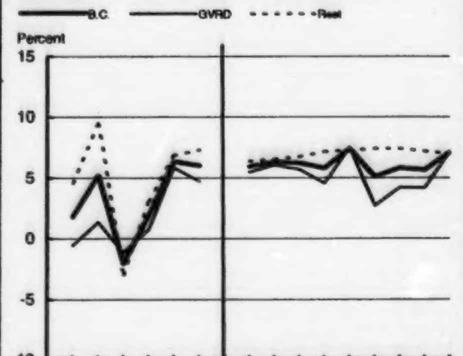
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

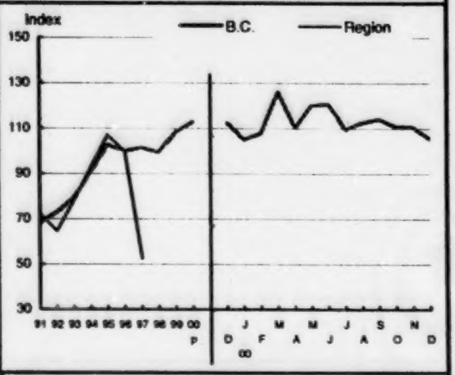


Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

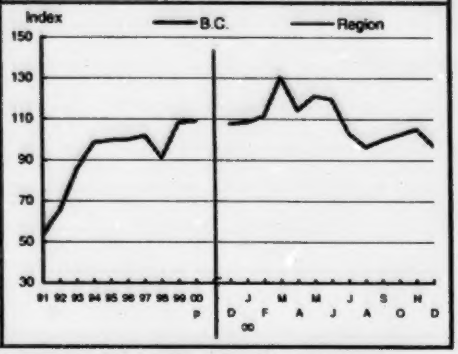
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	2	2	3	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	2	2	4	4
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	5	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	14	25	28	25
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.9	2.0	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	379.4	**	517.8	484.2	253.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	23	28	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,859	**	1,594	1,708	1,137
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.8	0.9	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	72.5	**	67.0	72.7	50.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

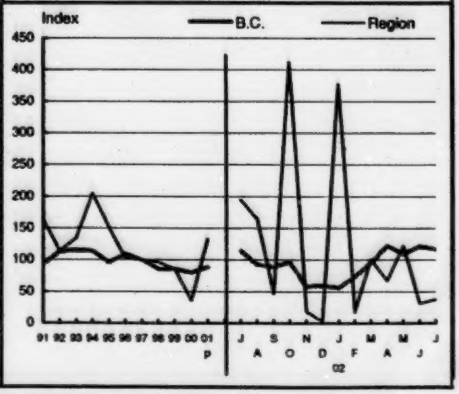


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	16.9	9.9	6.5	1.3	2.2	7.0	63
1995	12.5	4.4	0.9	2.7	0.8	8.0	62
1996	8.5	2.7	0.3	1.1	1.3	5.8	36
1997	8.3	4.4	1.8	1.8	0.7	3.9	23
1998	8.0	5.7	2.6	2.2	0.9	2.2	10
1999	7.1	4.7	0.2	1.2	3.3	2.4	12
2000	2.9	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.1	1.7	6
2001	11.0	8.7	2.9	4.0	1.8	2.3	3
YTD Jul '01	6.6	4.8	1.3	2.6	1.0	1.8	2
YTD Jul '02	5.2	4.3	0.2	3.3	0.8	0.9	1

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

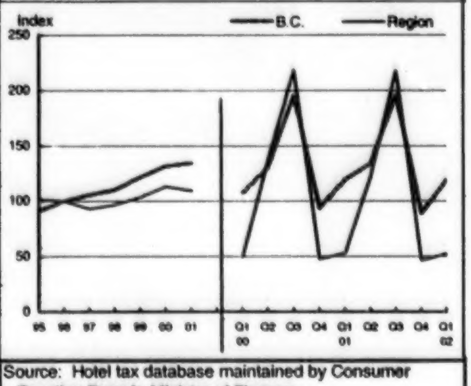
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	1998	9,726.4	1,173.1	2,814.2	4,410.5	1,328.6
	1999	10,408.0	1,167.8	2,831.5	4,992.4	1,416.3
	2000	11,387.0	1,248.3	3,462.6	5,475.8	1,200.3
	2001	11,034.2	1,335.2	3,072.9	5,462.2	1,163.9
	2002	1,315.2	1,315.2			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Skeena-Q.Charlotte 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	11,025.5	100.0%
Hotels	6,170.2	56.0%
Motels	2,050.9	18.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

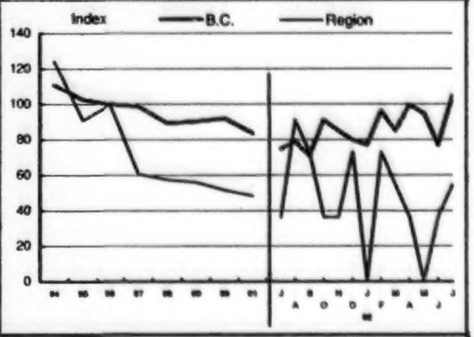


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	82
1995	60
1996	66
1997	40
1998	38
1999	37
2000	34
2001	32
Jan-Jul 01	15
Jan-Jul 02	14

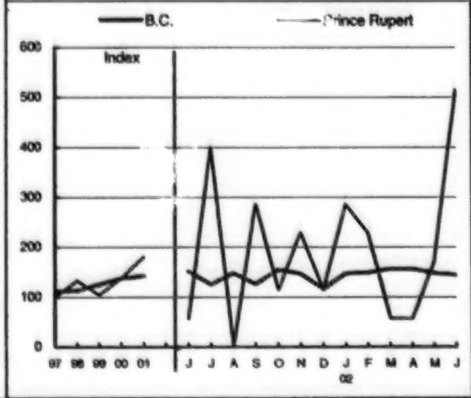
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



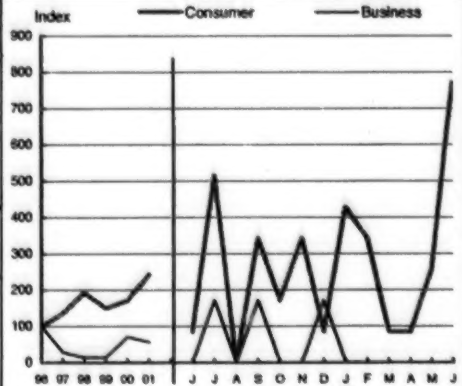
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	19	2	646	120	7,368	895
1998	27	1	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	21	1	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	24	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001	34	4	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	17	[illegible]	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	23	0	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Sep '99	8.3	11.4	11.0	6.4	3.8
	Dec '99	9.4	12.6	14.0	7.4	4.0
	Mar '00	9.2	12.4	14.3	7.2	4.0
	Jun '00	10.2	14.4	14.2	7.9	4.6
	Sep '00	8.5	12.4	11.6	6.3	4.0
	Dec '00	9.5	12.9	14.0	7.5	4.1
	Mar '01	9.6	13.2	13.0	7.7	4.1
	Jun '01	9.8	13.6	13.0	7.9	4.4
	Sep '01	7.0	9.7	10.5	5.3	3.5
	Dec '01	9.6	12.7	14.9	7.6	4.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

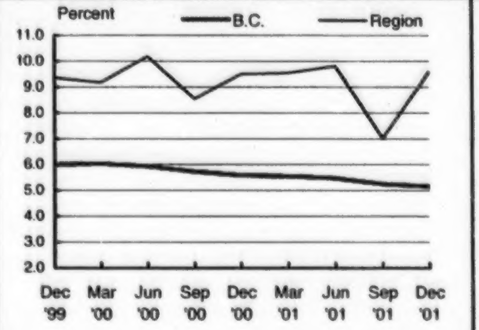
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.5	2.7	3.7	2.8	Sep '99
8.1	5.4	8.5	8.5	Dec '99
8.0	5.9	8.4	7.6	Mar '00
3.4	2.5	3.7	2.8	Jun '00
2.6	1.3	2.9	1.6	Sep '00
7.5	4.0	7.9	8.7	Dec '00
8.4	5.9	8.8	9.0	Mar '01
4.2	3.8	4.4	3.3	Jun '01
5.5	2.7	6.1	5.2	Sep '01

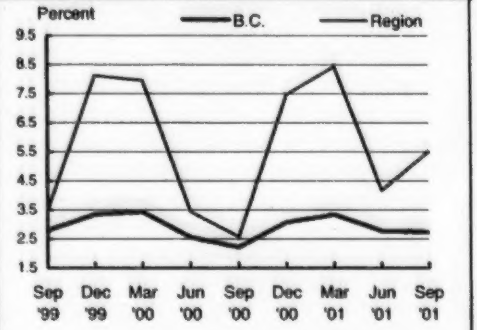
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,030	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	60.4	41.4
1-2 Years	14.6	17.5
>2 Years	24.9	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

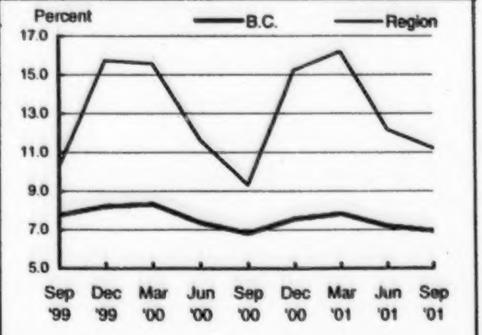
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Sep '99	10.3	13.6	10.1	7.4
	Dec '99	15.7	19.1	15.6	12.9
	Mar '00	15.6	19.9	15.5	11.6
	Jun '00	11.7	16.5	11.5	7.6
	Sep '00	9.3	12.8	9.2	6.4
	Dec '00	15.2	17.8	15.2	13.0
	Mar '01	16.2	18.6	16.3	13.1
	Jun '01	12.2	16.8	12.1	7.5
	Sep '01	11.2	13.2	11.2	9.2

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally experienced net migration outflows over the last 25 years. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) has offset migration outflows, but in some years there has been a population decline.

The gender ratio for this area is substantially weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on male-dominated resource industries. Since men tend to have lower life expectancies than women, the median age at death is lower than the provincial median. The overall median age is also lower than for the province as a whole and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is much higher than the provincial ratio, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population, which is much lower than the provincial ratio. Also, the total fertility rate in this region is substantially higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

This region has generally experienced net outflows of migrants and it is expected that this trend will continue although not to the same extent. Deaths will likely begin to exceed births towards the end of the projection period, and in combination with the out-migration, should result in a negative population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

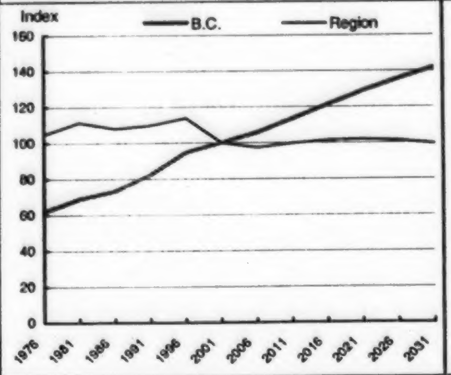
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.4	6.2	3.5	7.3	3.5	1.0	23.8	6.8	0.605	0.069	0.674	1976
1981	2.4	5.9	4.1	8.6	3.4	1.1	25.4	7.9	0.513	0.066	0.578	1981
1986	2.3	5.3	3.1	8.9	3.7	1.2	24.6	8.3	0.486	0.078	0.564	1986
1991	2.4	5.1	2.6	9.2	4.2	1.5	25.0	8.7	0.470	0.091	0.562	1991
1996	2.2	5.4	2.6	9.3	4.9	1.5	25.9	9.2	0.455	0.090	0.545	1996
2001	1.4	4.7	2.3	7.7	5.0	1.6	22.7	8.3	0.406	0.104	0.510	2001
2006	1.3	3.9	2.2	7.3	5.8	1.6	22.1	8.6	0.345	0.104	0.449	2006
2011	1.3	3.5	2.2	6.8	6.8	2.0	22.7	9.4	0.303	0.129	0.432	2011
2016	1.2	3.2	2.1	6.5	7.3	2.8	23.0	10.1	0.275	0.175	0.450	2016
2021	1.1	3.1	1.6	6.2	7.4	3.7	23.2	10.4	0.279	0.242	0.521	2021
2026	1.0	2.9	1.6	5.7	7.1	4.6	23.0	10.6	0.275	0.321	0.596	2026
2031	0.9	2.7	1.6	5.3	6.6	5.5	22.6	10.7	0.273	0.412	0.685	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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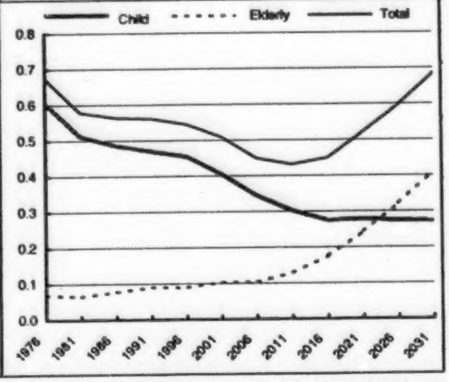


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish, Whistler

Tourism has overtaken forestry as the main economic driver for this region, mostly on the strength of the ski resort at Whistler. As the Whistler resort becomes more all-season, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. The forest sector is still the dominant activity in the Lillooet area.

Developments that will affect the population in this region include several tourism-related projects such as a couple of new resorts being planned that could take some of the growth pressure off Whistler. As well, a new university may start in Squamish.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Squamish-Lillooet							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,576	1,343	154	68	15	1,580	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	93	87	6	3	0	96	6.1%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	5	0	0	0	5	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	303	215	10	4	2	231	14.6%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	53	51	4	2	2	59	3.7%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	47	50	3	0	0	53	3.4%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	117	185	24	10	1	220	13.9%	11.3%	17,906
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	66	61	6	1	0	68	4.3%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	15	21	1	0	0	22	1.4%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	54	19	2	0	0	21	1.3%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	261	66	9	4	1	80	5.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	165	127	7	0	0	134	8.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	86	18	2	0	0	20	1.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	97	99	13	2	0	114	7.2%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	7	19	0	0	1	20	1.3%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	70	7	3	1	81	5.1%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	52	36	9	5	1	51	3.2%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	82	101	41	32	4	178	11.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	65	100	5	1	1	107	6.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	13	5	1	1	20	1.3%	0.5%	804

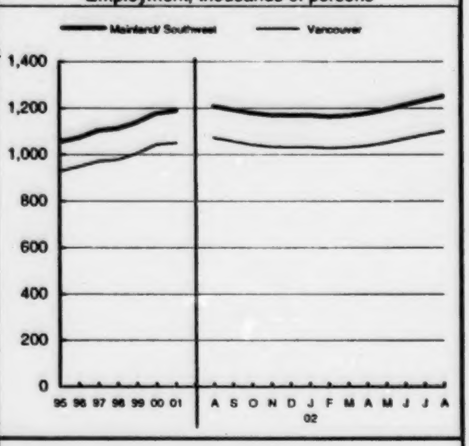
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

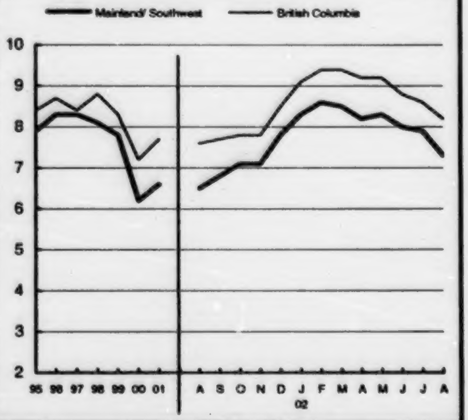
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest Emp ('000)	Mainland/ Southwest Unemp %	Vancouver Emp ('000)	Vancouver Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1992				859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993				869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995		1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997		1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May	1,198.8	5.7	1,060.2	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	1,205.2	5.7	1,068.1	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	1,215.0	5.8	1,077.8	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	1,208.2	6.5	1,072.9	6.4	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	1,193.7	6.8	1,058.3	6.8	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	1,179.7	7.1	1,042.9	7.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	1,171.4	7.1	1,034.6	7.1	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	1,169.2	7.8	1,032.1	7.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	1,169.2	8.3	1,033.7	8.2	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	1,165.2	8.6	1,029.5	8.5	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	1,168.3	8.5	1,031.5	8.4	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	1,178.5	8.2	1,038.7	8.2	1,920.8	9.2
	May	1,194.8	8.3	1,052.5	8.3	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	1,214.8	8.0	1,069.8	8.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	1,233.6	7.9	1,085.7	7.9	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	1,252.1	7.3	1,100.7	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	1,196.6	6.2	1,059.7	6.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	1,208.6	8.0	1,064.5	8.0	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	1.0		0.5		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



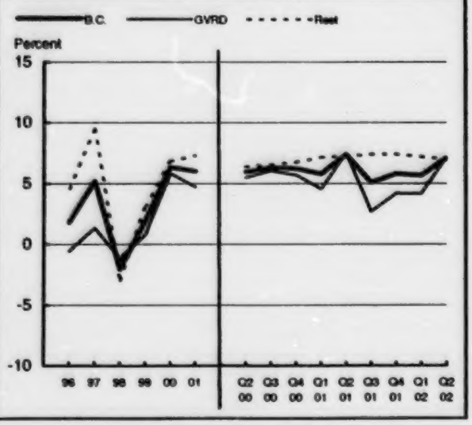
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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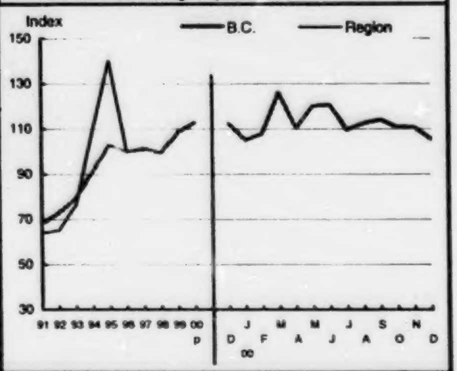
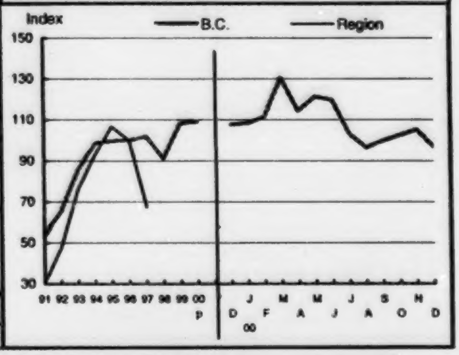
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	8	9	8	8	8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	5	4	4	5
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	17	19	22	23	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	126.3	153.8	176.4	165.5	111.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.7	2.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	261.5	373.6	478.9	342.0	344.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	4	0	0	0
25	Wood	436	447	432	462	393
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	5	25
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	889	976	976	973	984
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	19.2	18.8	19.9	22.6	19.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.2	1.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	41.3	45.4	47.8	48.4	49.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

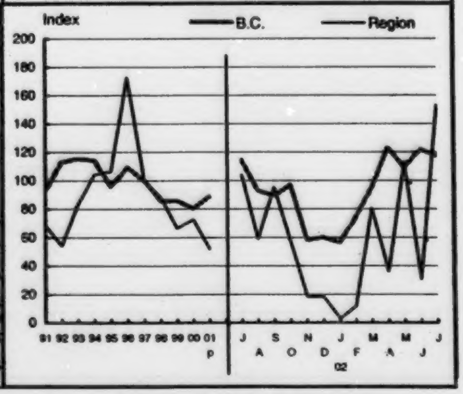


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	135.4	50.2	1.6	34.7	14.0	85.1	674
1995	138.4	71.1	4.4	52.1	14.6	67.3	578
1996	223.7	96.3	2.9	92.0	1.3	127.5	1,042
1997	130.0	44.7	1.8	40.7	2.1	85.2	641
1998	114.8	65.9	1.2	63.2	1.6	48.9	295
1999	86.3	20.0	0.7	16.9	2.5	66.3	432
2000	94.4	44.9	1.9	33.1	9.9	49.6	250
2001	67.6	13.2	0.8	11.5	0.8	54.4	316
YTD Jul '01	40.8	7.2	0.4	6.2	0.6	33.6	223
YTD Jul '02	46.3	10.2	2.0	3.1	5.1	36.0	206

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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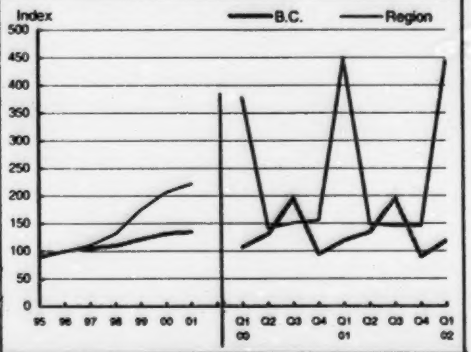
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	1998	121,006.3	52,213.1	14,457.2	27,986.5	26,349.5
	1999	160,495.0	74,717.9	24,627.9	30,295.1	30,854.1
	2000	189,439.8	86,523.6	32,487.6	34,675.7	35,753.0
	2001	203,404.9	102,503.7	34,261.7	33,314.6	33,324.9
	2002	101,891.2	101,891.2			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Squamish-Lillooet 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	203,382.5	100.0%
Hotels	158,129.5	77.7%
76+ Rooms	127,241.2	62.6%
1-75 Rooms	30,888.3	15.2%
Motels	3,452.0	1.7%
Vacation Rentals	35,712.4	17.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

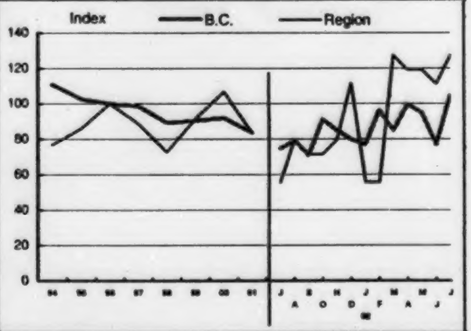


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	116
1995	130
1996	151
1997	134
1998	110
1999	138
2000	161
2001	126
Jan-Jul 01	74
Jan-Jul 02	90

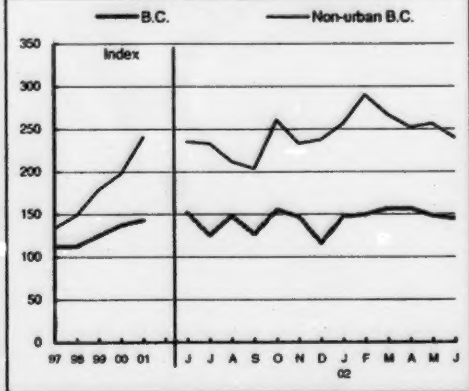
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



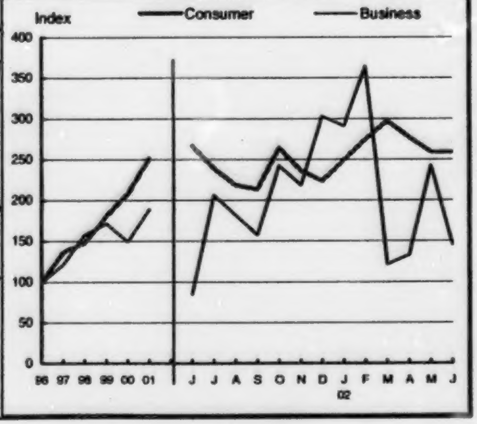
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
2001	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Sep '99	3.3	5.2	3.4	2.6	1.8
	Dec '99	3.3	5.1	3.2	2.6	1.7
	Mar '00	3.1	4.8	3.0	2.4	1.6
	Jun '00	2.9	4.5	2.7	2.2	1.5
	Sep '00	2.8	4.5	2.4	2.1	1.5
	Dec '00	3.0	4.9	2.8	2.3	1.5
	Mar '01	2.8	4.6	2.9	2.1	1.4
	Jun '01	2.6	4.3	2.9	1.9	1.4
	Sep '01	2.7	4.4	2.5	2.0	1.4
	Dec '01	2.8	4.5	2.7	2.2	1.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

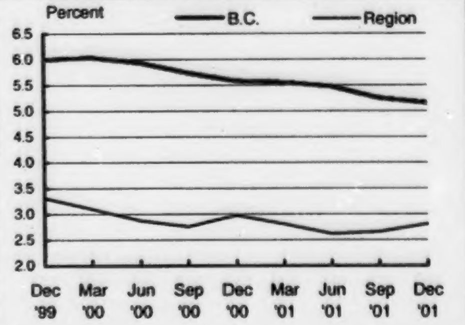
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.9	2.4	3.2	1.5	Sep '99
3.4	2.6	3.7	2.3	Dec '99
3.3	2.7	3.6	2.3	Mar '00
2.6	1.8	2.9	1.8	Jun '00
2.3	1.9	2.5	1.4	Sep '00
3.2	2.2	3.5	2.0	Dec '00
3.2	2.5	3.6	2.0	Mar '01
3.2	2.4	3.6	1.9	Jun '01
3.5	2.5	3.8	1.9	Sep '01

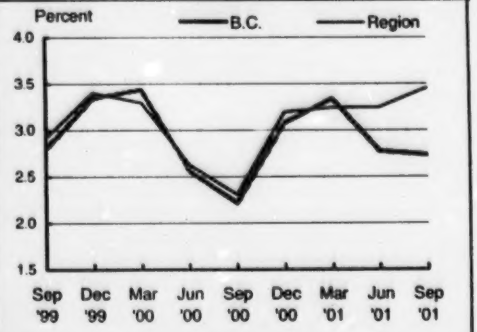
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	908	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	53.6	41.4
1-2 Years	15.6	17.5
>2 Years	30.8	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

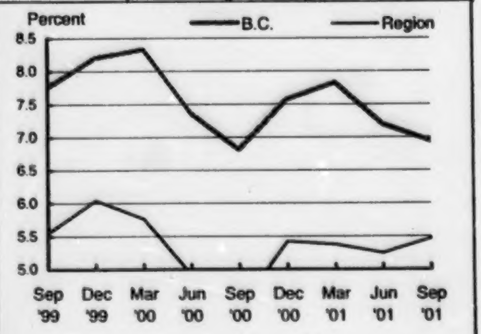
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Sep '99	5.5	5.6	5.7	4.3
	Dec '99	6.0	5.7	6.2	5.2
	Mar '00	5.8	5.5	5.9	5.1
	Jun '00	4.9	4.4	5.1	4.4
	Sep '00	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.0
	Dec '00	5.4	4.9	5.7	4.4
	Mar '01	5.4	5.2	5.6	4.2
	Jun '01	5.2	5.2	5.4	4.2
	Sep '01	5.5	4.8	5.8	4.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The forest sector and construction activity are important components of the economy and this is evident in the gender ratio, which is biased in favour of males, since forest employment tends to be male-dominated. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

The median age of the population of this region is substantially younger than the provincial median, and this is due to a small proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) compared to the province as a whole. The ratio of elderly to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is less than half the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

This area had one of the fastest growing populations in British Columbia in the early nineties. As the burgeoning tourism industry continues to supplant forestry as the main economic activity, there will likely be more stable migration patterns. As the Whistler resort becomes more of an all-season resort, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. The projection is for strong, sustained growth for this region, with the population almost doubling in 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

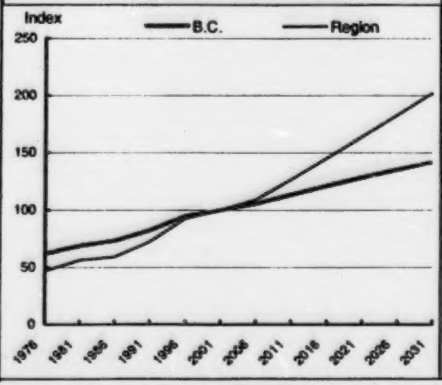
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	1.6	4.3	2.4	4.8	2.5	0.6	16.2	4.9	0.604	0.064	0.669	1976
1981	1.9	4.3	2.8	6.5	3.0	0.9	19.5	6.5	0.508	0.073	0.580	1981
1986	1.8	4.2	2.3	7.5	3.4	1.3	20.5	7.5	0.452	0.102	0.553	1986
1991	2.1	4.8	2.5	9.9	4.2	1.6	25.1	9.0	0.416	0.093	0.509	1991
1996	2.4	5.6	3.7	12.9	5.7	1.9	32.1	11.9	0.359	0.083	0.442	1996
2001	2.1	5.6	4.3	13.3	7.3	2.1	34.6	13.5	0.308	0.085	0.392	2001
2006	2.1	5.6	4.0	13.9	9.5	2.7	37.8	15.3	0.282	0.098	0.380	2006
2011	2.3	5.4	5.6	15.0	11.9	3.7	43.9	18.6	0.238	0.113	0.351	2011
2016	2.8	5.6	5.7	17.5	13.5	5.1	50.3	21.9	0.228	0.140	0.368	2016
2021	3.2	6.2	5.6	19.8	15.1	6.8	56.8	24.4	0.234	0.168	0.402	2021
2026	3.6	7.3	5.7	22.1	15.9	8.8	63.4	26.5	0.249	0.200	0.449	2026
2031	3.8	8.3	6.2	23.8	17.0	10.8	69.9	28.3	0.258	0.230	0.488	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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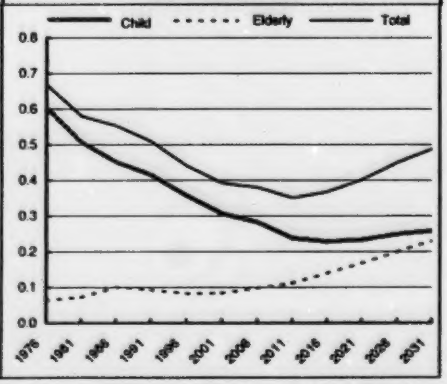

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

1 General Economy

Mining, tourism and forestry are all important contributors to the economy in this region. In the forest sector, the decrease to the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of the Cassiar Timber Supply Area will likely not impact the population greatly. Rising metal prices may lead to more mining activity in the area.

In the mineral sector, the plant at Cassiar which was test processing magnesium burnt down in late 2000 and is unlikely to be rebuilt in the area. There are several mining prospects in the area, but the Golden Bear Mine (between Telegraph Creek and Dease Lake) ceased mining in 2000 except for seasonal heap-leaching.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80.
The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	57	58	7	2	0	67	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	3	2	0	0	0	2	3.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	4	1	0	0	0	1	1.5%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	11	10	3	0	0	13	19.4%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	3	2	0	0	0	2	3.0%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	7	11	0	0	0	11	16.4%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	4	9	0	0	0	9	13.4%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2	2	0	0	0	2	3.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	3	1	0	0	0	1	1.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	3	2	0	0	0	2	3.0%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	1	1	0	1	0	2	3.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	-	1	1	0	0	2	3.0%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3	4	0	0	0	4	6.0%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	4	5	3	1	0	9	13.4%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	5	4	0	0	0	4	6.0%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	2	0	0	0	2	3.0%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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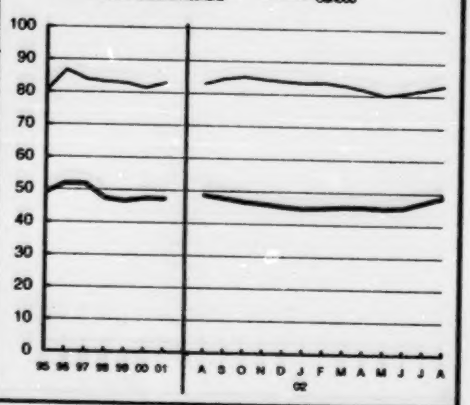
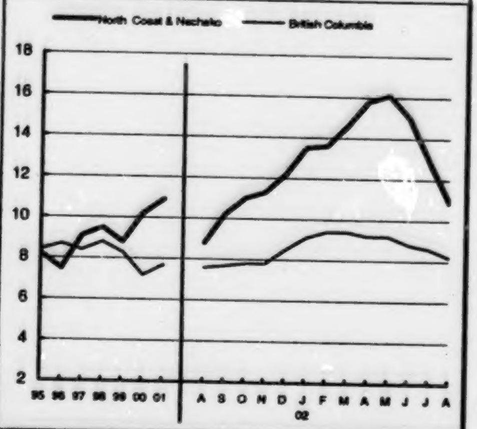
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		47.4	10.9	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	47.8	10.2	84.6	9.3	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	46.8	11.0	85.2	8.4	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	46.2	11.3	84.5	7.9	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	45.4	12.2	84.0	9.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	44.9	13.5	83.5	11.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	45.2	13.6	83.7	12.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	45.5	14.6	82.9	13.0	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	45.5	15.8	81.7	13.3	1,920.8	9.2
	May	45.2	16.1	80.0	14.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	45.4	15.0	80.8	13.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	47.1	12.9	81.8	13.7	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	48.8	10.9	83.0	12.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	46.6	13.6	82.0	13.5	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.2		-0.4		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



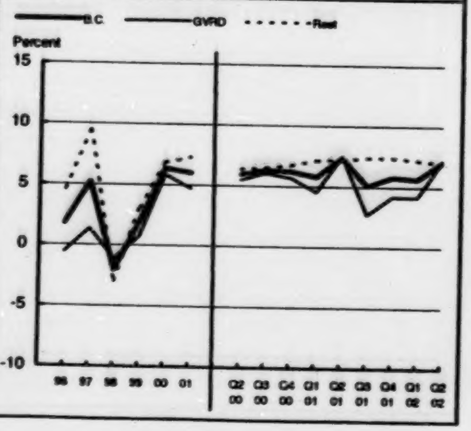
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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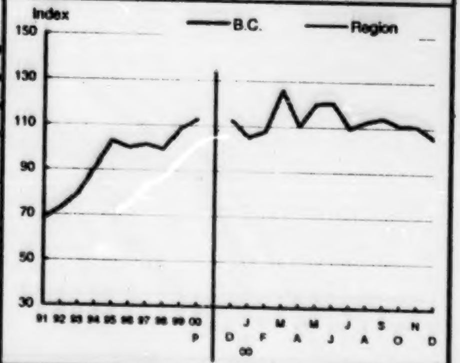
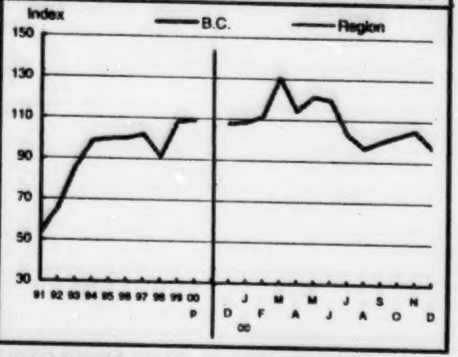
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	1	1	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1	1	2	1	1
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	**	**	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

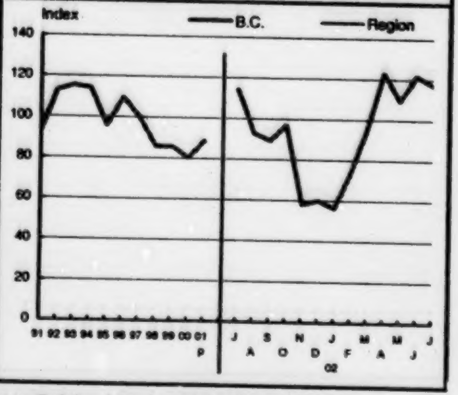


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Jul '01	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Jul '02	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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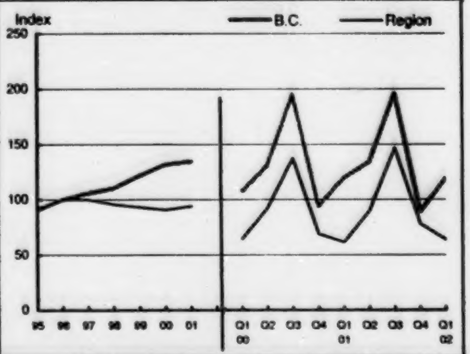
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Bulkley-Nechako R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Stikine Regional District	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,744.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,407.0	1,817.7
	2002	1,489.8	1,489.8			
British Columbia	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Stikine 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,744.0	100.0%
Motels	4,661.2	53.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

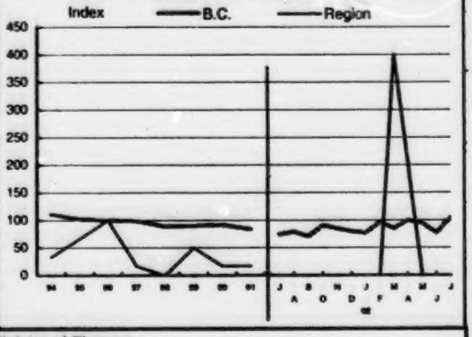


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	2
1995	4
1996	6
1997	1
1998	0
1999	3
2000	1
2001	1
Jan-Jul 01	1
Jan-Jul 02	3

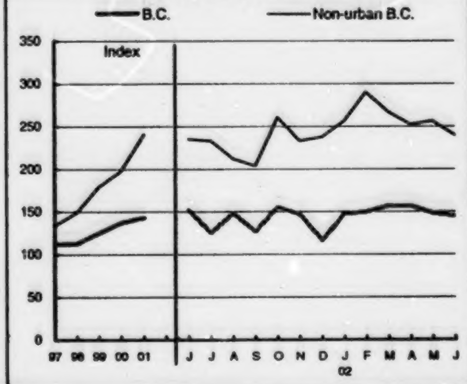
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



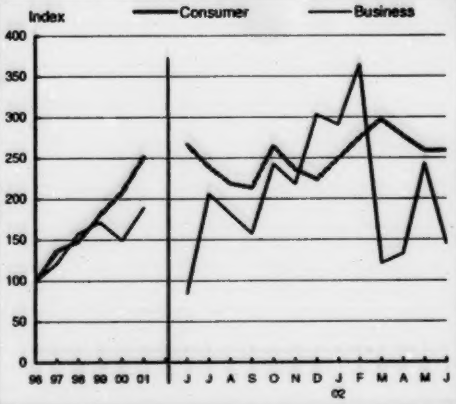
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
2001	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Stikine Regional District	Sep '99	1.7	3.4	-	1.5	-
	Dec '99	3.5	4.2	9.0	2.7	-
	Mar '00	4.0	5.2	11.5	3.2	-
	Jun '00	2.1	-	-	2.0	-
	Sep '00	2.3	3.9	-	2.1	-
	Dec '00	2.6	4.3	-	2.3	-
	Mar '01	2.2	3.9	-	1.9	-
	Jun '01	2.2	2.6	-	2.4	-
	Sep '01	2.0	3.1	-	2.2	-
	Dec '01	2.0	2.6	-	2.2	-

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

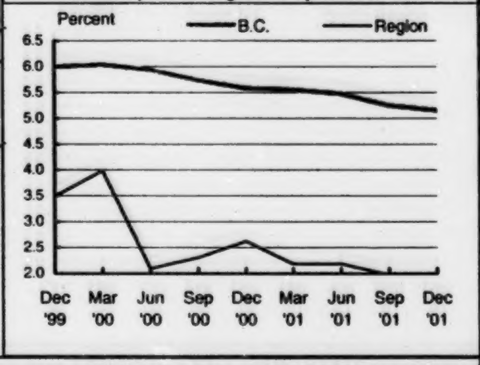
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.4	-	4.9	-	Sep '99
8.9	8.9	9.7	5.6	Dec '99
8.8	10.5	9.0	6.5	Mar '00
3.2	-	2.7	5.2	Jun '00
2.1	-	1.7	-	Sep '00
7.8	10.5	7.4	7.8	Dec '00
9.9	10.8	10.0	8.8	Mar '01
6.4	-	6.9	5.7	Jun '01
3.6	-	3.6	4.4	Sep '01

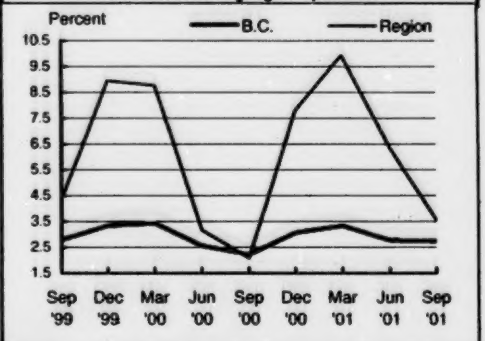
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	21	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	63.2	41.4
1-2 Years	36.8	17.5
>2 Years	-	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

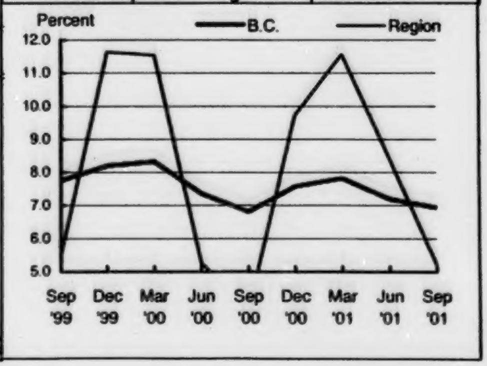
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Stikine Regional District	Sep '99	5.5	-	6.4	-
	Dec '99	11.6	15.1	12.1	7.2
	Mar '00	11.5	18.4	11.7	6.7
	Jun '00	5.3	8.4	4.6	6.2
	Sep '00	3.9	6.8	3.7	-
	Dec '00	9.7	14.5	9.5	7.8
	Mar '01	11.6	13.3	11.9	8.8
	Jun '01	8.4	6.4	9.3	5.7
	Sep '01	5.2	-	5.8	4.6

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This area is sparsely populated and this results in rather erratic demographic statistics. However, the remoteness of the area means that the age structure of the population is consistently younger than that of the province as a whole. The median age tends to be lower than the provincial median, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is lower than the ratio for the province as a whole. As well, the gender ratio is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The slow down in the forestry industry will likely extend the trend of out-migration for the near future and the decrease in the AAC may eventually lead to population declines for this area. Births should continue to exceed deaths, boosting the rate of population growth for the duration of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

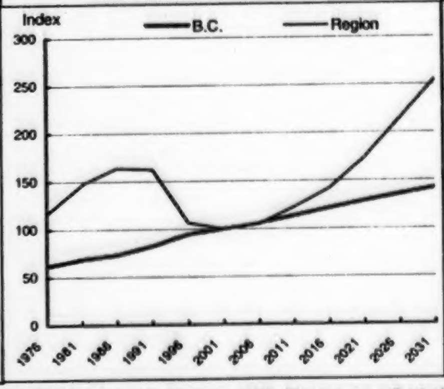
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.6	0.5	0.609	0.023	0.632	1976
1981	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.0	2.0	0.6	0.538	0.023	0.562	1981
1986	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.0	2.2	0.8	0.551	0.033	0.584	1986
1991	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	2.2	0.8	0.448	0.051	0.499	1991
1996	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.6	0.396	0.064	0.460	1996
2001	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	1.4	0.6	0.340	0.085	0.425	2001
2006	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	1.4	0.6	0.373	0.130	0.503	2006
2011	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.7	0.7	0.363	0.186	0.549	2011
2016	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	1.9	0.8	0.400	0.218	0.618	2016
2021	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.4	2.4	0.8	0.423	0.259	0.682	2021
2026	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.4	2.9	0.9	0.399	0.249	0.648	2026
2031	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.6	3.5	1.1	0.361	0.274	0.635	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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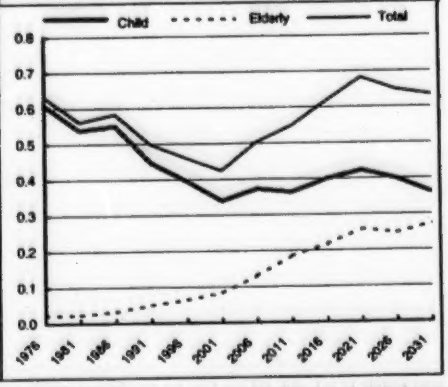


Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Gibsons, Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District

Forestry is the main economic driver for this area, with two large processing facilities at Port Mellon, and considerable employment in harvesting throughout the region. As well, the proximity to Vancouver, combined with relatively inexpensive housing, helps draw retirees to the area.

There are plans to upgrade the ferry transportation to this region, which will make the area more accessible and could lead to further population growth. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, this region could experience increased population growth.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

		Sunshine Coast							British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Firms with No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,325	903	53	28	3	987	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	133	70	7	8	0	85	8.6%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	4	4	0	1	0	5	0.5%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	314	108	4	0	0	112	11.3%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	57	48	2	3	1	54	5.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	45	38	0	1	0	39	4.0%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	89	151	8	4	0	163	16.5%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	46	42	3	0	0	45	4.6%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	31	13	0	0	0	13	1.3%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	55	24	0	1	0	25	2.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	148	40	1	0	0	41	4.2%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	151	80	3	1	0	84	8.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	43	9	2	0	0	11	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	57	38	1	0	0	39	4.0%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	11	10	0	0	1	11	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	13	62	9	2	1	74	7.5%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	28	21	2	0	0	23	2.3%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	33	70	9	4	0	83	8.4%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	66	71	1	0	0	72	7.3%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	4	1	3	0	8	0.8%	0.5%	804

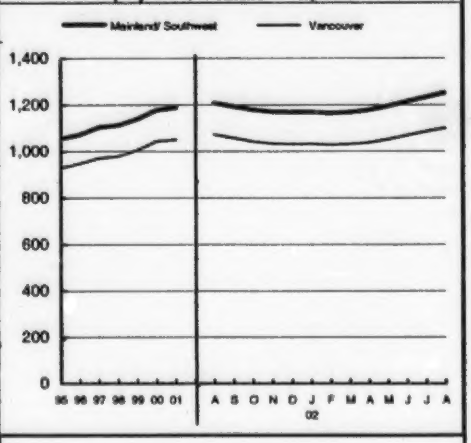
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

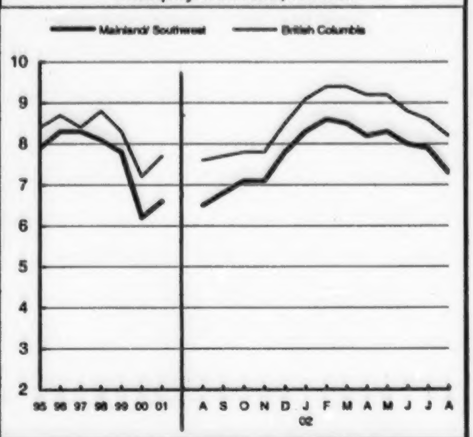
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1992			859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May	1,198.8	5.7	1,060.2	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	1,205.2	5.7	1,068.1	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	1,215.0	5.8	1,077.8	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	1,208.2	6.5	1,072.9	6.4	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	1,193.7	6.8	1,058.3	6.8	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	1,179.7	7.1	1,042.9	7.1	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	1,171.4	7.1	1,034.6	7.1	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	1,169.2	7.8	1,032.1	7.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	1,169.2	8.3	1,033.7	8.2	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	1,165.2	8.6	1,029.5	8.5	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	1,168.3	8.5	1,031.5	8.4	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	1,178.5	8.2	1,038.7	8.2	1,920.8	9.2
	May	1,194.8	8.3	1,052.5	8.3	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	1,214.8	8.0	1,069.8	8.0	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	1,233.6	7.9	1,085.7	7.9	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	1,252.1	7.3	1,100.7	7.3	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	1,196.6	6.2	1,059.7	6.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	1,208.6	8.0	1,064.5	8.0	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	1.0		0.5		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



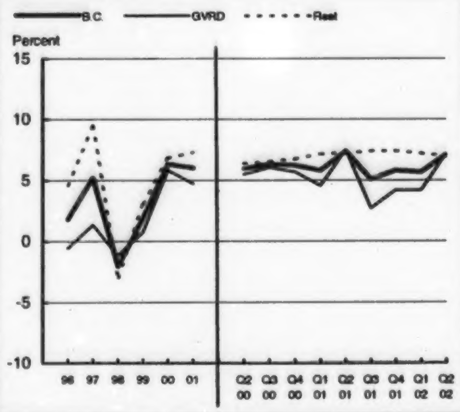
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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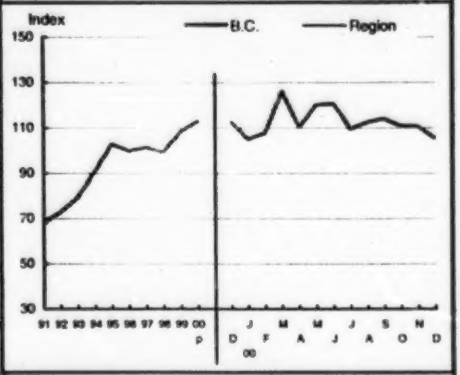
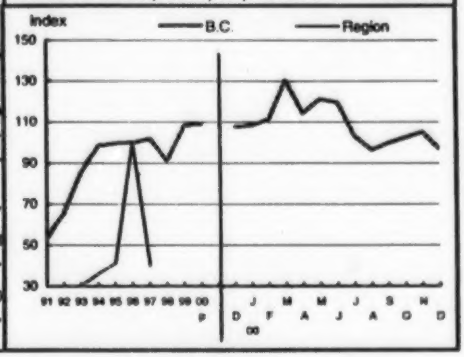
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	2	2	2
25	Wood	4	3	4	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	2	3	4	3
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	15	12	14	14	12
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	16.0	18.3	44.2	17.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	194	195	292	200
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	7.8	7.7	10.6	9.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

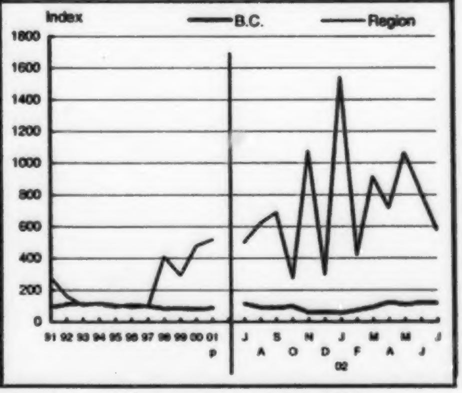


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	7.5	3.1	0.0	0.2	2.9	4.4	47
1995	6.9	2.2	0.0	0.6	1.6	4.6	41
1996	5.7	2.6	0.0	1.6	1.0	3.0	19
1997	6.3	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.1	4.5	23
1998	25.7	7.6	1.0	3.2	3.5	18.1	103
1999	18.4	5.5	0.0	4.9	0.6	12.9	90
2000	29.9	5.4	1.1	4.0	0.3	24.5	150
2001	32.5	7.4	0.7	5.1	1.5	25.1	140
YTD Jul '01	17.1	3.5	0.7	1.2	1.5	13.6	83
YTD Jul '02	31.6	11.3	2.0	4.7	4.6	20.3	112

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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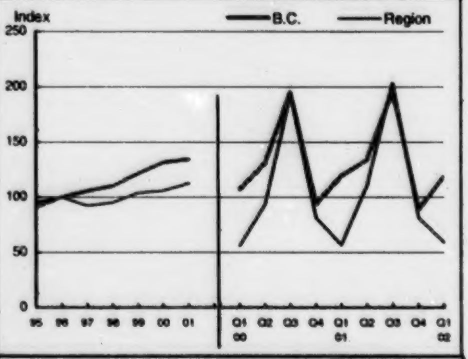
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	1998	3,100.6	429.0	844.4	1,370.9	456.3
Sunshine Coast	1999	3,382.6	456.8	760.8	1,413.7	751.3
Regional District	2000	3,451.5	458.7	759.5	1,568.4	664.9
	2001	3,681.7	463.6	902.6	1,651.1	664.4
	2002	482.8	482.8			
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Sunshine Coast 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,662.0	100.0%
Motels	1,831.4	50.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

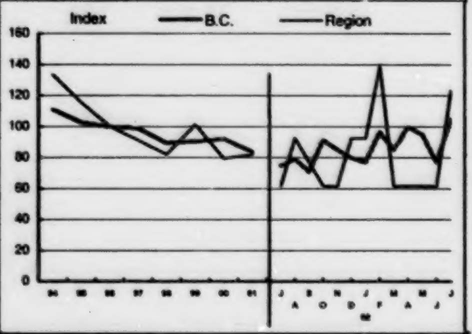


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	104
1995	90
1996	78
1997	71
1998	64
1999	79
2000	62
2001	64
Jan-Jul 01	39
Jan-Jul 02	39

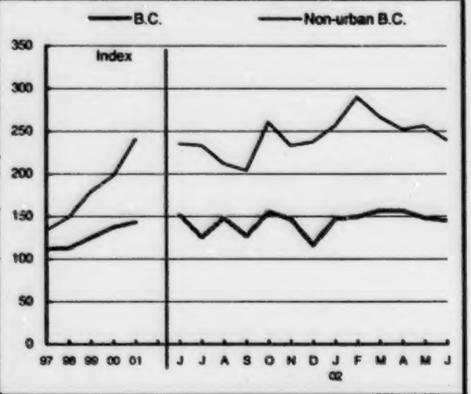
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



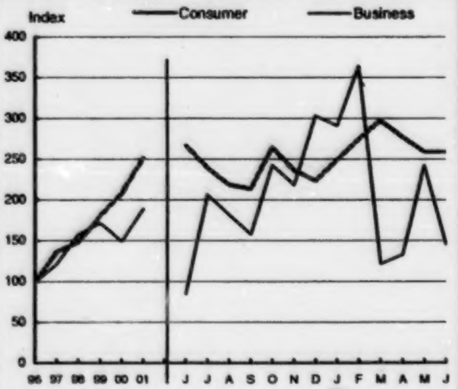
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
2001	1,167	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Sep '99	7.2	10.9	8.0	6.2	3.7
	Dec '99	7.2	10.8	8.3	6.3	3.6
	Mar '00	7.1	10.2	7.9	6.4	3.4
	Jun '00	6.7	9.7	7.1	6.1	3.4
	Sep '00	6.4	9.4	7.0	5.6	3.3
	Dec '00	6.3	9.1	6.7	5.7	3.3
	Mar '01	6.3	9.1	7.0	5.8	3.3
	Jun '01	6.3	9.2	6.6	5.7	3.3
	Sep '01	6.1	9.2	5.3	5.4	3.2
	Dec '01	6.1	8.9	5.1	5.7	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

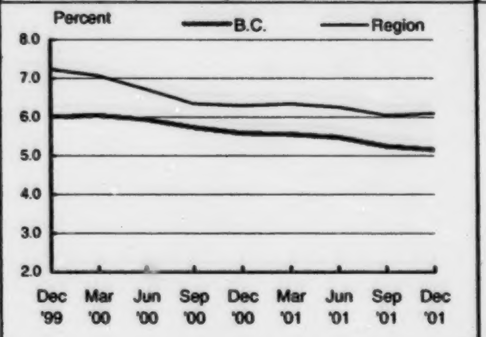
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.5	2.1	2.8	1.2	Sep '99
3.5	3.3	3.9	2.2	Dec '99
3.4	2.7	3.8	2.3	Mar '00
2.1	1.6	2.4	1.4	Jun '00
1.9	2.0	2.1	1.1	Sep '00
3.1	3.1	3.4	1.9	Dec '00
2.9	2.8	3.3	1.5	Mar '01
2.2	1.9	2.5	1.2	Jun '01
2.6	2.2	3.0	1.4	Sep '01

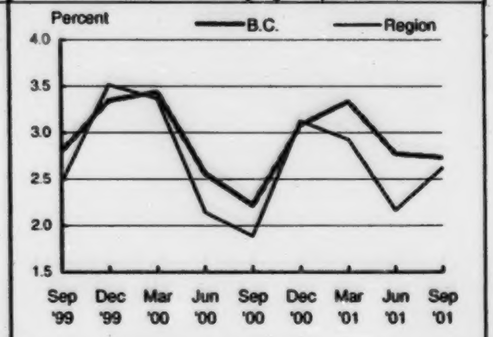
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,364	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	44.9	41.4
1-2 Years	17.2	17.5
>2 Years	37.9	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

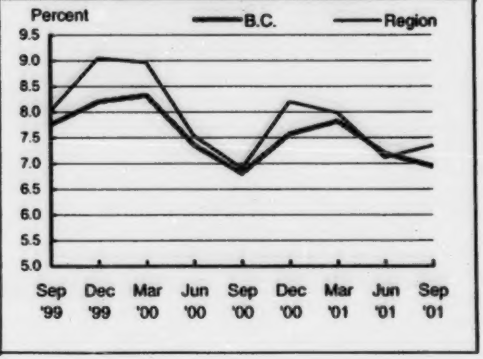
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Sep '99	8.0	9.7	8.9	3.6
	Dec '99	9.1	11.2	9.9	4.4
	Mar '00	9.0	10.2	9.9	4.5
	Jun '00	7.5	8.5	8.4	3.7
	Sep '00	6.9	9.0	7.6	3.1
	Dec '00	8.2	9.7	9.0	4.1
	Mar '01	8.0	9.1	9.0	3.7
	Jun '01	7.1	8.2	8.0	3.3
	Sep '01	7.3	7.5	8.3	3.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This area has generally had positive net migration, particularly in the mid-nineties. In the last 25 years the population of the region has more than doubled. Since the region is a popular place to retire, the median age of the population is substantially higher than the provincial median. The ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is higher than the ratio for British Columbia as a whole. The total fertility rate is slightly lower than the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The proximity to the Lower Mainland and the promise of improvements to the transportation network bode well for population growth in this area. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, there will likely be increasing inflows of retirees to the area. The projection is for strong, sustained population growth over the term of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

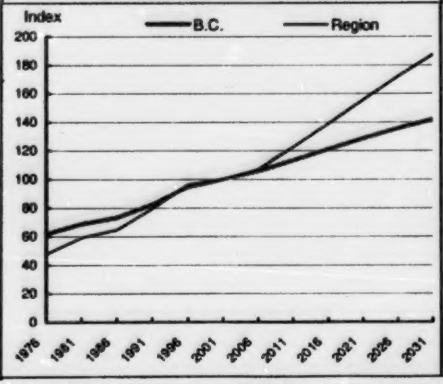
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.9	2.7	1.3	3.3	3.0	1.7	12.8	4.8	0.466	0.219	0.685	1976
1981	1.1	2.8	1.6	4.7	3.5	2.3	15.9	6.2	0.402	0.233	0.634	1981
1986	1.2	2.9	1.2	5.2	3.8	3.0	17.4	7.2	0.404	0.290	0.694	1986
1991	1.4	3.6	1.4	6.6	4.8	3.6	21.3	8.7	0.390	0.284	0.674	1991
1996	1.6	4.5	1.5	7.4	6.3	4.4	25.8	10.8	0.401	0.289	0.690	1996
2001	1.1	4.7	2.3	6.6	7.4	4.8	26.8	11.5	0.358	0.296	0.653	2001
2006	1.0	4.2	2.7	6.7	8.8	5.4	28.7	13.4	0.286	0.297	0.584	2006
2011	1.2	3.9	3.0	8.0	10.3	6.4	32.9	16.3	0.239	0.300	0.538	2011
2016	1.5	4.0	3.0	9.9	10.9	8.0	37.3	19.0	0.231	0.334	0.565	2016
2021	1.8	4.6	2.7	11.7	11.2	9.8	41.7	21.3	0.248	0.382	0.630	2021
2026	1.9	5.3	2.8	12.5	12.0	11.6	46.1	23.6	0.263	0.424	0.687	2026
2031	1.9	5.9	3.2	12.8	13.5	13.1	50.2	26.0	0.263	0.445	0.709	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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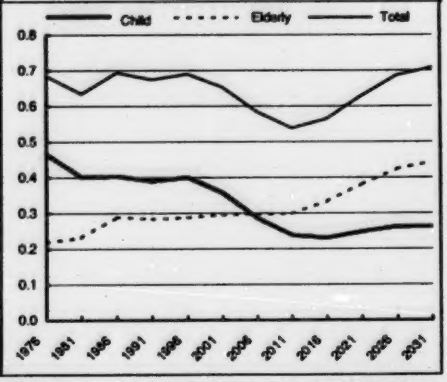

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Chase, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, particularly in the North Thompson area. In the Kamloops area, mining is another important economic activity. There are two major mines currently operating in the area. The Highland Valley mine at Logan Lake is the largest in the province, employing over 1,000 people. The Blackdome mine near Clinton reopened in 1998 after being closed for seven years, but has since shut down once again due to low gold prices. The mine will likely reopen once prices improve.

A development that will have a substantial impact on the population of this region will be the closure of the Highland Valley Mines. The large number of employees at this mine will mean significant population impacts following closure. The mine is scheduled to close sometime around 2009.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P27 completed in the Summer of 2002. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2001 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson-Nicola							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,947	4,360	353	150	22	4,885	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	407	437	16	6	0	459	9.4%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	23	18	0	1	1	20	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	5	7	0	1	0	8	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	675	528	32	13	0	573	11.7%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	135	175	26	15	4	220	4.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	141	192	24	10	0	226	4.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	325	520	49	27	3	599	12.3%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	258	266	13	9	1	289	5.9%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	29	32	5	3	0	40	0.8%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	191	108	7	3	1	119	2.4%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	497	195	10	5	0	210	4.3%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	339	353	13	3	0	369	7.6%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	208	56	8	2	0	66	1.4%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	157	219	12	0	0	231	4.7%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	31	44	5	3	5	57	1.2%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	41	350	26	16	3	395	8.1%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	53	80	11	2	2	95	1.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	160	339	79	26	1	445	9.1%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	272	399	13	2	0	414	8.5%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	42	4	3	1	50	1.0%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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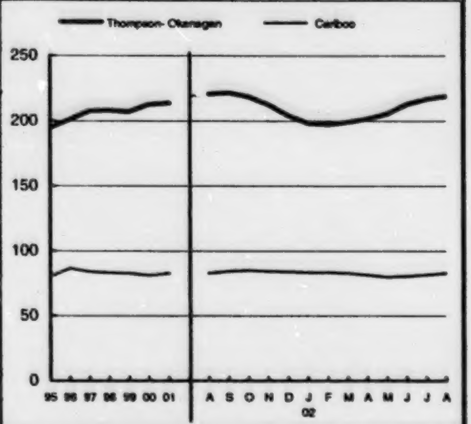
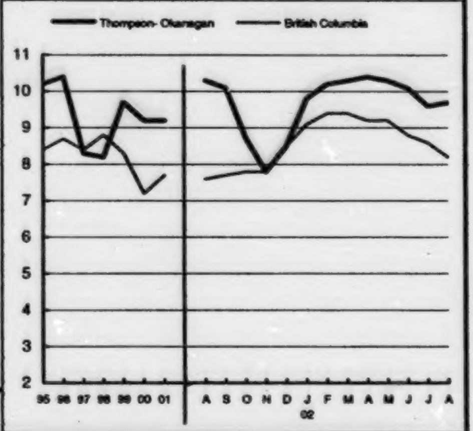
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep	221.5	10.1	84.6	9.3	1,962.8	7.7
	Oct	218.6	8.7	85.2	8.4	1,943.5	7.8
	Nov	212.6	7.8	84.5	7.9	1,927.8	7.8
	Dec	204.2	8.5	84.0	9.8	1,912.9	8.5
2002	Jan	198.3	9.8	83.5	11.8	1,905.0	9.1
	Feb	197.4	10.2	83.7	12.1	1,901.0	9.4
	Mar	199.3	10.3	82.9	13.0	1,908.0	9.4
	Apr	201.7	10.4	81.7	13.3	1,920.8	9.2
	May	205.5	10.3	80.0	14.7	1,940.1	9.2
	Jun	212.8	10.1	80.8	13.6	1,970.2	8.8
	Jul	217.0	9.6	81.8	13.7	1,998.5	8.6
	Aug	219.1	9.7	83.0	12.7	2,023.0	8.2
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	Jan-Aug02	208.8	10.1	82.0	13.5	1,961.6	8.9
	% Change	-3.5		-0.4		0.4	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



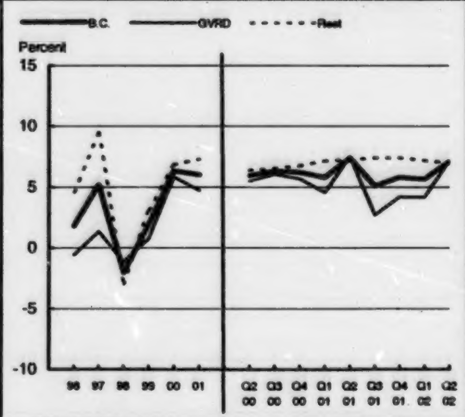
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
Quarterly data	01 2	9,669.7	4,867.8	4,801.9	7.4	7.5	7.2
	01 3	9,748.4	4,698.4	5,050.0	5.1	2.7	7.4
	01 4	10,224.6	5,056.0	5,168.6	5.8	4.2	7.4
	02 1	8,808.1	4,454.0	4,354.1	5.7	4.2	7.2
	02 2	10,354.5	5,215.9	5,138.6	7.1	7.2	7.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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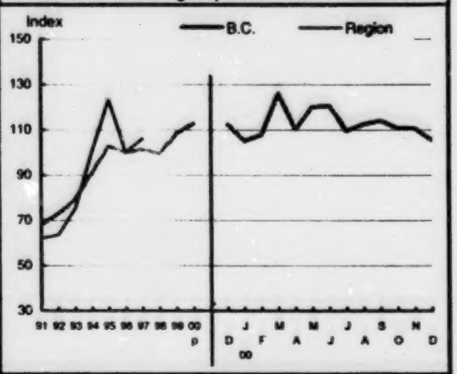
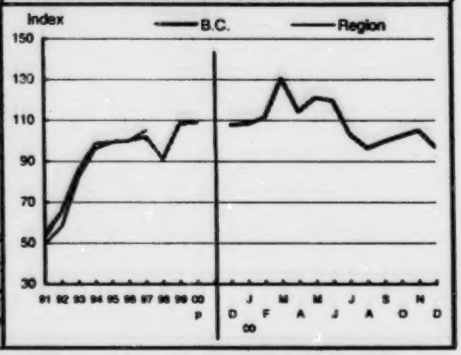
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	2	1
25	Wood	25	25	25	32	31
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13	13	13	16	16
30	Metal Fabricating	15	15	17	20	19
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	79	83	82	102	100
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	442.4	516.7	532.5	536.9	564.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	396.5	397.2	416.6	427.8
30	Metal Fabricating	10.0	13.6	23.4	23.3	20.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	707.3	945.5	1,155.8	938.4	996.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,807	1,985	2,080	1,833	1,880
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,425	1,586	1,288	1,323
30	Metal Fabricating	126	140	170	162	202
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,280	3,530	3,894	3,657	3,719
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	72.5	86.8	94.7	84.2	90.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	63.0	70.4	59.0	68.2
30	Metal Fabricating	4.1	4.7	6.3	6.8	7.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	144.3	162.8	187.7	169.3	174.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

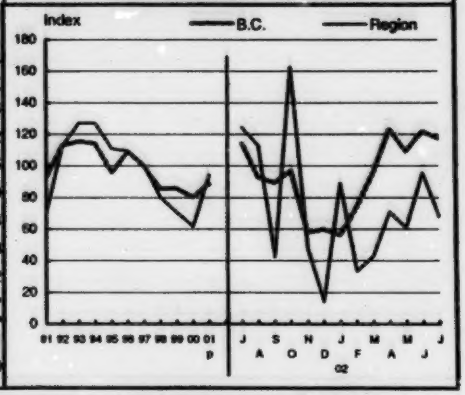


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	189.9	50.0	5.2	39.7	5.0	139.9	1,306
1995	165.9	63.6	3.1	39.1	21.4	102.2	992
1996	163.8	57.1	2.6	39.6	14.9	106.7	1,025
1997	149.4	53.4	14.9	32.6	5.9	96.0	870
1998	119.9	50.7	3.8	32.2	14.6	69.2	524
1999	106.0	44.7	3.4	34.7	6.6	61.3	533
2000	92.2	44.7	4.0	24.4	16.3	47.5	342
2001	140.6	76.0	5.6	54.7	15.7	64.6	557
YTD Jul '01	93.3	55.7	4.1	42.3	9.3	37.6	291
YTD Jul '02	57.3	23.4	0.4	20.0	3.0	33.8	210

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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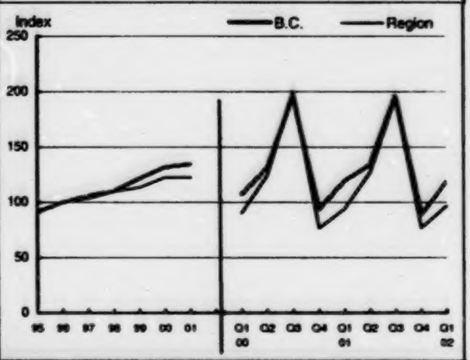
7. Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	1998	45,899.6	7,450.5	12,360.7	18,725.7	7,362.7
	1999	47,425.2	8,753.2	11,781.2	19,494.9	7,395.9
	2000	51,184.7	9,438.5	12,979.7	20,774.0	7,992.6
	2001	51,380.7	9,844.9	13,293.2	20,211.2	8,031.3
	2002	10,119.3	10,119.3			
British Columbia	1998	1,208,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	1,473,353.8	326,576.6	366,660.1	535,774.0	244,343.2
	2002	325,628.9	325,628.9			

Thompson-Nicola 2001 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	51,185.5	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,196.4	2.3%
Hotels	18,424.4	36.0%
1-75 Rooms	5,283.7	10.3%
Motels	20,827.9	40.7%
Vacation Rentals	7,093.3	13.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

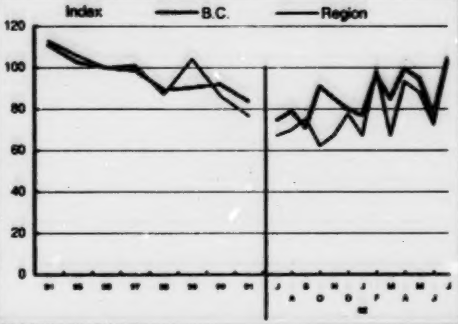


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	523
1995	490
1996	463
1997	469
1998	403
1999	482
2000	400
2001	355
Jan-Jul 01	219
Jan-Jul 02	228

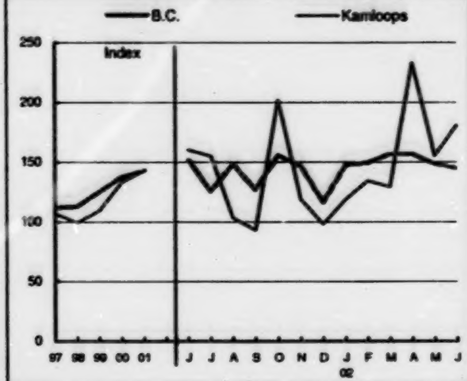
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



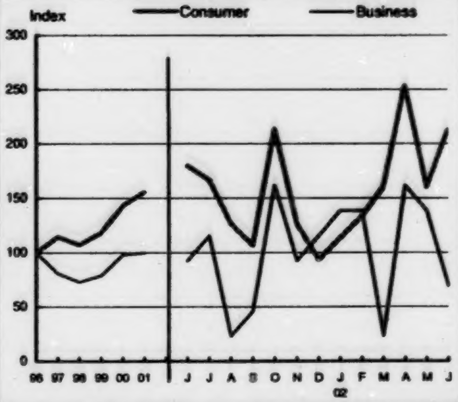
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kamloops		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1997	206	42	646	120	7,366	895
1998	193	38	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	213	41	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	258	51	983	148	9,181	976
2001	280	52	1,187	187	9,474	1,100
Jan-Jun 01	155	28	638	79	4,986	542
Jan-Jun 02	155	29	636	107	4,941	624

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Sep '99	8.2	11.5	9.8	7.1	3.9
	Dec '99	7.9	10.7	10.0	7.0	3.7
	Mar '00	8.1	10.9	10.7	7.0	3.6
	Jun '00	8.2	11.3	10.7	7.1	3.8
	Sep '00	7.9	11.0	9.7	6.8	3.7
	Dec '00	7.6	10.3	9.4	6.6	3.4
	Mar '01	7.4	10.4	9.0	6.6	3.3
	Jun '01	7.5	10.7	8.8	6.5	3.4
	Sep '01	7.0	10.3	8.0	6.0	3.3
	Dec '01	6.6	9.4	7.5	5.7	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

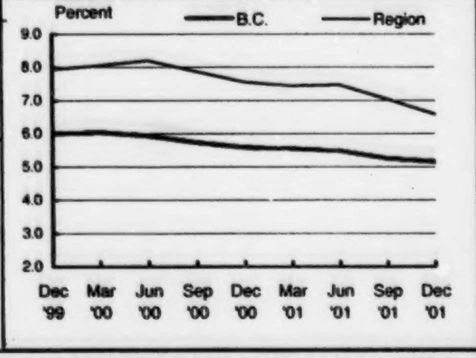
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.2	3.8	4.7	2.3	Sep '99
4.4	4.7	4.8	2.5	Dec '99
4.9	5.2	5.3	2.9	Mar '00
3.1	3.3	3.5	1.6	Jun '00
2.8	2.9	3.1	1.5	Sep '00
4.5	4.8	4.8	2.5	Dec '00
4.9	5.0	5.2	3.0	Mar '01
3.3	3.3	3.6	2.0	Jun '01
3.0	2.7	3.3	1.7	Sep '01

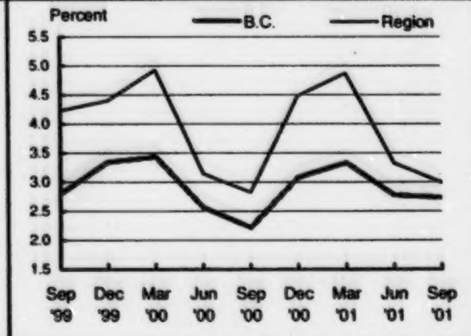
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '01)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,324	181,284
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.9	41.4
1-2 Years	16.6	17.5
>2 Years	40.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

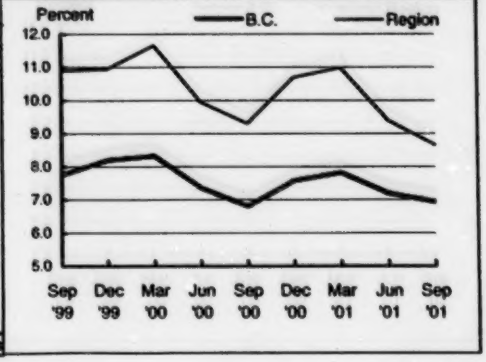
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Sep '99	10.9	13.2	11.7	5.4
	Dec '99	10.9	14.3	11.5	5.7
	Mar '00	11.7	15.6	12.1	6.1
	Jun '00	10.0	13.7	10.4	4.8
	Sep '00	9.3	12.2	9.8	4.7
	Dec '00	10.7	14.0	11.2	5.6
	Mar '01	11.0	13.8	11.6	6.1
	Jun '01	9.4	11.9	9.9	5.0
	Sep '01	8.7	10.6	9.2	4.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many regions in British Columbia with a high dependence on the resource sectors, this region experienced net migration outflows through the mid-eighties. Since that time, the population has been steadily growing. The gender ratio in this area is biased in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole where there are more females than males. The reason for this is the region's dependence on the male-dominated resource sector jobs.

14 Projection

The closure of the Highland Valley Mines will have an effect on the population of this area, reducing migration inflows to the region for several years. However, the diversity of the region's economy will ensure that the net migration will remain positive and strong. The projection is for this region to continue to experience strong population growth throughout the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

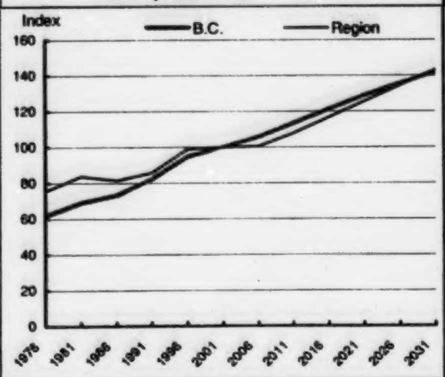
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	8.0	25.8	12.4	27.7	15.6	4.9	94.4	28.9	0.606	0.088	0.694	1976
1981	8.2	24.4	14.7	33.0	17.9	6.5	104.7	35.1	0.497	0.100	0.597	1981
1986	7.6	21.4	11.4	33.4	19.8	8.2	101.8	36.8	0.450	0.127	0.577	1986
1991	7.4	21.3	10.3	34.8	22.7	10.6	107.1	39.4	0.423	0.157	0.580	1991
1996	7.8	23.7	12.1	38.4	28.3	13.4	123.6	46.6	0.399	0.169	0.569	1996
2001	6.0	22.6	12.8	36.3	31.9	15.4	125.0	50.3	0.352	0.190	0.542	2001
2006	5.5	19.2	12.3	34.4	36.4	17.8	125.7	54.6	0.298	0.215	0.513	2006
2011	6.3	18.2	12.2	36.8	40.4	20.7	134.6	61.3	0.275	0.231	0.506	2011
2016	6.7	19.0	11.8	41.0	41.9	25.2	145.7	68.1	0.272	0.266	0.538	2016
2021	6.8	21.2	10.8	44.0	43.7	30.2	156.7	73.5	0.284	0.306	0.590	2021
2026	7.0	22.5	12.1	44.7	46.3	35.4	168.1	79.0	0.286	0.343	0.629	2026
2031	7.1	23.2	13.5	45.1	50.3	39.4	178.7	84.8	0.278	0.362	0.640	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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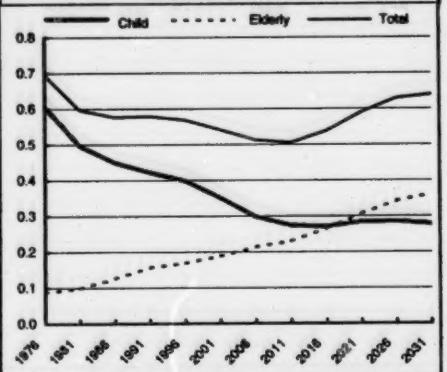

Source: Population data are Projection P-27, run in Summer 2002. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Appendix - Notes to Data Tables

Geography

This report is organized by geographic region. British Columbia comprises eight **development regions**, which in turn are composed of varying numbers of **regional districts**. The same set of data tables are presented for: the province of British Columbia; each development region, sorted in numeric order according to the code number, and; each regional district, sorted in alphabetic order.

Regional districts are generally equivalent to Statistics Canada's (SC's) census divisions. Readers are cautioned that regional district boundaries are sometimes subject to change. Langley City and Langley District Municipality were transferred to Greater Vancouver Regional District from Central Fraser Valley Regional District in 1989. Peace River-Liard Regional District has been split into Peace River Regional District and Fort Nelson-Liard Regional District. This report now publishes data for the two new northern RDs. The data for the old Peace River-Liard RD will be the same as for Northeast Development Region. In the Spring of 1999 the name of Fort Nelson-Liard RD changed to Norther Rockies RD.

In 1995, a number of changes occurred in the lower mainland: the municipalities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows were moved from Dewdney-Alouette RD into the Greater Vancouver RD. In January 1996, the remnants of Dewdney-Alouette RD amalgamated with the remnants of the Central Fraser Valley RD (Abbotsford and Matsqui) and the Fraser-Cheam RD to form Fraser Valley RD. While this report is organized according to the new boundaries in the Fraser valley, Tables 5 and 8 within RDs 9, and 15 are presented on the basis of add-ups of the most substantial pieces of the former jurisdictions and Table 6 incorporates a noted break in the series.

The list below shows the relationship of regional districts to development regions. The associated census division number is provided for each regional district.

DR 1: Vancouver Island/Coast
    23 Alberni-Clayoquot
    17 Capital
    45 Central Coast
    25 Comox-Strathcona
    19 Cowichan Valley
    43 Mount Waddington
    21 Nanaimo
    27 Powell River

DR 2: Mainland/Southwest
    09 Fraser Valley
    15 Greater Vancouver
    31 Squamish-Lillooet
    29 Sunshine Coast

DR 3: Thompson/Okanagan
    35 Central Okanagan
    39 Columbia-Shuswap
    37 North Okanagan
    07 Okanagan-Similkameen
    33 Thompson-Nicola

DR 4: Kootenay
    03 Central Kootenay
    01 East Kootenay
    05 Kootenay Boundary

DR 5: Cariboo
    41 Cariboo
    53 Fraser-Fort George

DR 6: North Coast
    49 Kitimat-Stikine
    47 Skeena-Queen Charlotte

DR 7: Nechako
    51 Bulkley-Nechako
    57 Stikine

DR 8: Northeast
    55 Peace River
    59 Northern Rockies

Table 2: Economic Structure

This table is based on SC's **Business Register**, the central database which is used to frame all their business surveys. This database identifies business

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establishments, which are normally company locations or plants that are able to separately report basic financial statistics. For further information on the definition of an establishment, interested readers are referred to SC's *North American Industry Classification System (Canada 1997)* manual, catalogue 12-501.

Changes to the Business Register in recent years have broadened the coverage of the file. A new 'indeterminate' category of employment size includes sole proprietorships and those firms without paid employment.

Table 3: Employment and unemployment rate (LFS)

The data for this table comes from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) by Statistics Canada. The series presented here are three-month moving average, actual. This presentation minimizes the volatility inherent in small samples and sample rotation. Data are only available for BC, development regions and the Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA) of Vancouver and Victoria. Vancouver CMA is identical to the 1996 Census boundaries of Greater Vancouver Regional District. Victoria CMA is equivalent to Capital Regional District **less** Subdivision A (the Gulf Islands) and Subdivision D (Port Renfrew) and the Indian Reserves associated with these areas.

Table 4: Retail Sales

We publish SC figures for British Columbia and Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area and calculate the difference as "Rest of Province". Since the new boundaries for Greater Vancouver Regional District coincide with the Vancouver CMA boundaries, the GVRD data in *QRS* is for the new RD boundaries.

SC publishes estimates of monthly and quarterly retail sales for each province by up to 16 **retail trade groups**. This estimate includes only retail sales by firms that are SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) coded to **major group 60, Retail Trade**. The province and Greater Vancouver retail trade totals used in this report are these published numbers, based on the **monthly survey**. The annual survey results differ from the monthly estimates and are not used in this report.

Table 5: Manufacturing Principal Statistics

This table provides selected **principal statistics** based on surveys conducted by SC. Similar sub-provincial data was published by SC in the catalogued publication 31-209 up to and including the 1986 reference year. SC has now released for publication principal statistics for 1992. We have suppressed data where there is the possibility of disclosure of confidential information. There are some differences in the detail of information available to *BC STATS* and to SC. In addition, the suppression preferrences chosen, at our request, have worked against some of the data that *QRS* chooses to publish. More specific industry detail is preserved at the expense of major group roll-ups. This has resulted in the complete suppression of six regional districts and hence the four development regions that include them for the 1992 year and later. As the sub-provincial data is available on an annual basis only, it is supplemented by annual and monthly shipments for the same industries at the provincial level. Monthly shipment data are published in SC 31-001 and, in more detail on CANSIM, which is the electronic data base we used to update the series:

D315351 - Canada, total, all manufact'ing
D315497 - Canada, wood industries
D321241 - B.C., total, all manufacturing
D321243 - B.C., food industries
D321387 - B.C., wood industries
D321390 - B.C., sawmill & planing mill
D321431 - B.C., fabricated metal products

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Table 6: Building Permits

SC collects building permit data from municipal and regional district offices. Data for many rural areas is incomplete or non-existent. Further, not all building projects require a building permit, and not all projects with a permit proceed or are completed.

As in other series, when at least six months data are available for the current year, a projection of the annual total is provided. However, as non-residential permits are subject to wide variation, projections of industrial, commercial, and institutional & government permits are limited to 130% of the current year-to-date value whenever the current year-to-date figure is more than double the figure for the same period in the previous year. The 130% ceiling has been arbitrarily chosen as suitable when data for six months remain to be released in the current year. As the end of the year is approached a lower ceiling is appropriate. The ceiling is reduced 5% per month as the number of months remaining until the end of the year decreases.

Table 7: Tourism Room Revenue

This table is intended to measure **tourism activity** but includes business travel and other uses of accommodation. The data is based on remittances of hotel room tax to the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Not all accommodation activity is measured as the statutory requirement is that the tax must be remitted when the establishment has four or more rooms, and no tax is required for a duration of stay of at least one month. This has the effect of excluding many **bed and breakfasts** and **residential hotels**.

Table 8: Incorporations

Tables 8 and 9 are intended to provide an indication of business formation and failure. Data on incorporations comes from the Ministry of Finance and Corporations. The weakness on the formation side is the failure to include partnerships, extra-provincially incorporated companies, and new sole proprietorship business ventures.

Table 9: Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

We receive bankruptcy data from the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada, Ottawa. The data are geographically coded to urban centres where appropriate and the balance to a 'non-urban' category. Data for Vancouver and Victoria are for the Census Metropolitan Areas.

Bankruptcy is an extreme form of business failure. Most unsuccessful businesses simply wind down and cease operations. While the level of these series may be of questionable value, the charted region vs. province comparison does provide some useful information.

Table 10: BC Benefits

The **basic BC Benefits** caseload is used to generate recipient data by age and family structure. The BC Benefit program replaced the Income Assistance program in 1996. We have chosen recipient groups that match the previously published Income Assistance data to achieve continuity.These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. INCLUDED are Youth Works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. EXCLUDED are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined in these reports as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include aboriginal people living on reserve. A dash '-' identifies data too small to release.

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Table 11: Unemployment

Measures of regional unemployment are only available historically for nine **economic regions** defined by SC. Starting with January, 1995, the **Labour Force Survey** (LFS) is compiled for the eight development regions defined by the provincial government. The LFS samples appropriately in these regions to derive local measures of unemployment. As a proxy for small area unemployment rates, *BC STATS*, using data from Human Resources Development Canada (HRD), estimates the ratio of Employment Insurance beneficiaries as a percent of the working age population in a region. (See also, Table 2)

Table 12: Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

The data described for tables 10 and 11 are combined to provide a more complete picture of regional reliance on the "safety net."

Beginning in June 1997, the combined BC Benefit+EI rate in this report has been adjusted to count only once those persons receiving both Employment Insurance and BC Benefits. Therefore use caution when comparing data to pre June 1997 data. This adjustment resulted in an overall decrease of 0.3 percentage points to the BC rate in June 1997.

Table 15: Demographic Characteristics

Population growth can be a measure of the economic well being of an area. *BC STATS* projects population for **local health areas** (approx. 80 in the province) and for **regional districts**. This data is available in considerable detail in print and electronic formats. See the description of regional data products elsewhere in this report.